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JUBILEE HAS STREETS RED, WHITE AND BLUE

The Boars Head in Kidderminster held a musical celebration for the jubilee. Live bands took to the stage to mark 60 years of music, watched by hundreds of fans. An upstairs art gallery also proved a big draw over the weekend

The Tillotts family at Springfield Park, Kidderminster – Eloise, nine, Sue, Sam, 10, and Amelia, 12

Pupils at Sutton Park Community Primary, Kidderminster, tuck into ice cream to celebrate at their school's big jubilee picnic

William Watson, Anna Watkins and Oliver Biggin release balloons at Heronswood School, Kidderminster

THE streets of Wyre Forest were awash with red, white and blue as jubilee fever hit the district.

By Adam Burling

Communities got together to hold street parties in honour of the Queen while party-in-the-park events in Kidderminster and Bewdley attracted thousands of people.

Visitor attractions including Harvington Hall and the Severn Valley Railway welcomed scores of families through the gates as they made the most of the Bank Holiday weekend.

More than 1,000 people flocked to Brinton Park in Kidderminster on Monday for an evening of entertainment, and hundreds of families descended on the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens in Bewdley for a party that included songs by the Bewdley Band and a children's fancy dress parade.

Hundreds of people turned out to see an array of live bands take to the stage at the Boar's Head pub in Worcester Street, Kidderminster.

The 60 Years of Music event also included art exhibitions in the first floor gallery.

Landlady Sandra Baker said more than 500 people watched the bands or view the art displays. "It's gone extremely well. The pub has been packed throughout," she said.

There was music and fun throughout the region, despite the damp weather.

There was rock and roll at Stourport's Riverside Meadows and there were events taking place at schools.

At Sutton Park Primary, Kidderminster, there was a Big Jubilee Picnic. Headteacher Marie Buckland said: "It was a magical afternoon with a feast fit for the queen and lots of sticky ice cream faces at the end of it."

And at Heronswood School, also in Kidderminster, pupils took part in a special balloon release to mark the occasion.

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Dying man in drugs farm case on the run

Steven Rodenhurst

A BUSINESSMAN with months to live went on the run in India after police busted his drugs farm at a mansion in South Staffordshire.

Steven Rodenhurst, 58, was last week jailed for four-and-a-half years in his absence at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Police found nearly 1,000 cannabis plants at his £1.75 million home in Codsall.

The retired demolition and salvage company boss who has also used an address in Beeches Road, Kidderminster, was convicted of drugs charges and granted bail for sentencing. But he wrote to the judge to say he was going to Goa.

The court heard how Rodenhurst was given 18 months to live by doctors as he was suffering from cancer and a weak heart.

He claimed the drugs were for his own use but a jury found him guilty of producing cannabis with intent to supply.

Boy robbed on way to school

A TEENAGE boy was robbed by a gang on his way to school. It happened in an alleyway between Doverdale Avenue and Somerleyton Avenue in Kidderminster.

The thugs went through his bag and pockets, taking £10. Four of the gang were white, about 16, and slim. A fifth was black, about 15 and of large build. He had short, dark hair with a tramline on the right hand side.

Call police on 0300 333 3000, quoting 277S 240512.

Hunt for teenage girl's three attackers

A TEENAGE girl was driven to the countryside outside Bewdley by three men who assaulted her and then left her stranded.

The girl managed to phone a friend who found her walking back to Bewdley.

She was left with cuts and bruises but did not need medical treatment.

Her ordeal started when she got into a car which stopped alongside her in Bewdley High Street, between 10pm and 11.15pm on May 24, near the junction with Lax Lane, heading from the town centre.

Police have been conducting house-to-house inquiries and gathering CCTV footage in an attempt to find the men.

Det Insp Dean Jones of Kidderminster CID said: "Two of the men were white and the vehicle had an older-style, square-ish appearance rather than a sleek modern design. The driver was alone in the front with the others in the back of the car.

"We are urgently seeking information from anyone who might be able to help us identify these men or the vehicle involved."

Call police on 101, quoting incident reference 59-N-290512.

Man hurt in road horror

A MAN was seriously hurt when he was knocked down in a village near Kidderminster.

The man was trapped under the car for more than an hour.

Emergency crews were called to Bliss Gate Road, in Callow Hill, at around midnight on Saturday.

Firefighters from Kidderminster used cutting equipment to free the man who was treated at the scene by paramedics before being taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

He was later in a critical condition. The car driver, was treated for an eye injury.

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REVELLERS REFUSE TO

THOUSANDS of people in the Wyre Forest area and the rest of the Midlands braved the rain to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Some event organisers took their parties indoors. Others kept partying in marquees and gazebos.

Some events fell victim to the downpour, but many street party organisers refused to be washed out.

Many erected gazebos and fired-up portable heaters to keep party-goers warm and dry, while others simply ignored the rain.

At Brinton Park in Kidderminster on Monday there was an evening of entertainment featuring performances by Benny Jay, Blind Lemon and the Stourport-on-Severn Brass Band.

Also taking on stage were 14-year-old Bewdley High School pupils Lauren Alexandra and Chris Salter, 16, whose singing and song-writing talents earned them places in the regional finals of the Next Brit Thing competition. The event finished with a firework display at 9.45pm.

Organiser Amy Smith said: "It's fantastic to see so many people turn out and I think it is important to bring the community together."

And at the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens in Bewdley a party included songs by the Bewdley Band and a children's fancy dress parade.

The annual rock and roll music event at Stourport's Riverside Meadows, which this year had a jubilee theme, went ahead despite Sunday's damp weather.

More than 300 people braved the rain and arrived armed with Union flags and umbrellas to sing along and dance to the live bands.

Alison Bakr who organised the event for Wyre Forest District Council, said: "It was a reflection of the great British spirit that so many people turned out given the wet, windy and cold weather."

A jubilee jamboree party also went ahead, despite the weather, at Springfield Park in Kidderminster on Sunday where there was a variety of stalls and entertainment.

Harvington Hall near Kidderminster also welcomed visitors to its living history weekend where re-enactors took people back to the time when Queen Elizabeth I was on the throne.

Villagers in Wolverley, near Kidderminster, gathered for a party featuring traditional games such as egg rolling and welly wanging on Monday.

Elsewhere, more than 100 people attended a celebration in Manderston Close, Dudley, on Sunday.

Expecting a downpour, organisers had six gazebos ready to protect

Stourport Mayoress Sarah Bowman, and Stourport Mayor Councillor Gary Talbot fly the flag

People from Stourport take shelter while they enjoy the entertainment at the Party in the Park in the Riverside Meadows' gazebo

Re-enactors Barbara and David Parkes at Harvington Hall

Shoumik Das, with Lara, Kirsty Das, son Reuben, Lucy and Isla Clark, Alen Clark and Maisie, all of Kidderminster

Dot Humpage and Gaynor Powell, at Springfield Park in Kidderminster

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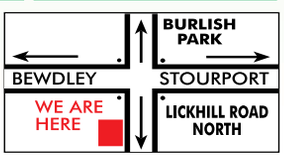

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SURRENDER TO THE RAIN

From left, Yvonne Hoare, Carol Barton, at a Party in the Park for the jubilee celebrations at Riverside Meadows in Stourport

Enjoying a jubilee street party in the wet weather, residents, including, front, Megan Price, aged 10, at Whetstone Road, Bushbury, Wolverhampton

Stourport mayoress Sarah Bowman, and mayor Councillor Gary Talbot use their umbrellas to shelter at Party in the Park in Riverside Meadows, Stourport

Sandra Harvey from Stourport shelters from the rain. The weather failed to put her or other revellers off

party-goers. Railway health and safety manager, Stuart Williams, aged 40, who helped to organise the event, said: "We wanted the party to go ahead whatever the weather. It's a great way for everybody to get to know each other and have a good chat."

People in Greenwood Park, Aldridge, Walsall, also put up marquees and gazebos to ensure their street party could go ahead.

Mother-of-two Lynn Powell, aged 44, helped to organise the event, which included quizzes, fancy dress, a penalty shoot out, raffle and barbecue. She said: "We had been preparing since February for bad weather.

"It didn't have an effect as everybody came out and it was fantastic. People just wanted to celebrate the Queen and the jubilee with family and friends."

A super street party was held in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, with red, white and blue throughout with many wearing patriotic hats and flags. There were live performances of dance and drama at Bilston Town Hall at a jubilee lunch. About 200 people enjoyed dance and a John Lennon tribute.

The weather meant a lunch in Bradmore had to be scaled down, but a street party in Homefield Road, Bilbrook, went ahead and spirits were high. Ten ales and ciders were rolled out at a mini beer festival at Pennfields Bowling and Social Club, in Coalway Road, on Sunday.

Swann in court blunder

ENGLAND cricketer Graeme Swann's appearance before Kidderminster magistrates was delayed when he drove to the wrong court, 42 miles away.

The spin-bowling legend was accused of failing to respond to a speeding notice after his Jaguar was clocked at 74mph in a 50mph zone in Herefordshire last May.

Swann mistakenly drove to Hereford's court yesterday. When he finally arrived, magistrates heard four letters giving him notice of intended prosecution had been sent to his home in West Bridgeford, Notts, but he failed to respond.

Swann, who said his agent had been driving, admitted getting the first letter but said the other three had not been received. But magistrates rejected his claims, issuing six penalty points. He was told to pay £1,385.

Have an online say on services

WYRE Forest people can have their say on services in the area in an online survey.

Worcestershire County Council is urging people to submit their views. Residents can access the Viewpoint Survey through **www.worcestershire.gov.uk/viewpoint**

Residents first need to register which they can do through the website. The survey will run June 22.

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Call made to roll up for carnival's carpet race

A KIDDERMINSTER tradition is being revived at next month's carnival to promote the opening of the town's carpet museum.

Teams of four are invited to roll up for the carnival's first carpet race on the Brinton Park showground on June 23,

It will herald the long-awaited Kidderminster Museum of Carpet which is due to open in Green Street in October.

Race organiser Chris Dale said: "They used to run carpet races through the town centre. I have seen a photograph of one in the 1970s and they were quite popular.

"We'd like to revive the tradition to promote the new museum and we hope to make it an annual event."

Teams representing, companies, pubs, clubs, voluntary organisations, or groups of family, friends or neighbours can enter the race which will be run in heats during the carnival afternoon.

They will carry a roll of carpet supplied by Kidderminster Carpets, with a cup awarded to the victors. Teams can contact Mr Dale on 01562 745110.

Carnival Queen Hannah Cornish tests out the carpets with Kidderminster Carpets staff Steve Badland and Richard Preece.

Performers' chance to shine at talent event

TALENTED performers are being given the chance to shine at Kidderminster Carnival.

The Brinton Park bandstand will host a showcase of acts following the success of last year's inaugural Kidderminster's Got Talent event.

Like last year, a sound system and DJ compere will be provided by Impact for Events.

The event will give aspiring singers and musicians the chance of performing in front of the large carnival crowd on June 23.

Carnival chairman Colin Hill said: "It's not a competition, but a great opportunity for performers of all ages to put their talents in the spotlight."

Anyone interested in taking part should contact showcase organiser Sarah Cousin on 07841 5025.

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Rare meadow walk is on offer

WORCESTERSHIRE residents are being offered the chance of taking a rare stroll through Hockley and Black Meadows that form part of the Chaddesley Wood national nature reserve.

As part of the nationwide Wildlife Trust's "Our Meadows" weekend, staff and volunteers are opening the meadows to a limited number of people.

Mervyn Needham, reserve warden, and Michael Liley, botanist, are leading a guided walk through the meadows on June 16.

Mr Needham said: "These two meadows are old pastures and have notable wildflowers such as knapweed, dyer's greenweed, pepper saxifrage and adder's-tongue fern.

"It's not just about the flowers, however. On the walk we'll be talking about how important the meadows are for all sorts of wildlife – butterflies, bees, slow-worms and a really diverse range of other species."

Meadows are a threatened habitat; it's estimated that around 20 per cent of remaining lowland meadows in the UK are in Worcestershire. The two meadows are usually closed to the public to protect them. Mr Needham said: "From flowers and plants to insects and reptiles we hope that anyone who comes along will be inspired by what they see.

"The trust's botanist, Michael Liley, will be able to identify plants for us. He'll also be able to help people who'd like to see more of this habitat on their own land."

The walk takes place from 2pm. Places cost £5 each and booking is essential by telephoning 01905 754919.

£1m revamp for college's campus

The planned new atrium at Kidderminster College's campus in Market Street, part of a £1m makeover

KIDDERMINSTER College's main campus will be given a £1million revamp to create a new reception and atrium.

A cafe gallery will also be constructed at the centre in Market Street.

Work is expected to start at the end of June and will be completed in time for the new academic year in September.

It comes nine months after a £1.2m extension at the site to create three floors of new classrooms, practical and performance areas and increased social space for students.

Alterations

The revamp will see a glazed roof constructed over the internal courtyard to form an enclosed atrium.

A three-storey high reception area will be created and improvements will also be made to the main entrance.

There will also be alterations to the reception/security desk, new waiting areas and the toilets will also be refurbished.

Artist's impressions sho-wing what the new reception area could look like have been released by the college.

The announcement comes as work continues on the new £6.1m college – The Academy at Kidderminster.

An artist's impression of the new reception area planned for the college

It is a partnership between Kidderminster College and Birmingham Metropolitan College and will offer courses ranging from catering to electronics for up to 1,000 students.

The listed Piano Building, a former Brintons carpet warehouse, is being converted into the academy.

Kidderminster College principal Andy Dobson said: "We're delighted to announce these fantastic new improvements. Along with The Academy at Kidderminster, we'll be ensuring that Kidderminster becomes, and remains, one of the most desirable learning destinations in the Midlands.

"The improvements will be truly outstanding and will benefit learners, tutors and the local community.

"We cannot wait to see the finished product."

Glass work captured for posterity

A BOOK and film are being compiled about a project to create replicas of historic vases at a glass centre.

Staff at the Ruskin Glass Centre, in Stourbridge, are working on a number of new designs.

Included of the Portland Vase which dates to 25AD, the Amphora Portland Vase and the Auldjo Jug.

They are being prepared for the International Festival of Glass in August, which coincides with the 400th year of glassmaking in the town.

Expert Richard Golding has already created the blanks which are now being carved by cameo glass engraver Terri Colledge.

The project is nearing completion and the whole process has been filmed for documentary to be released on dvd later this year. Graham Fisher, a member of the British Glass Foundation, is also writing a book telling the story of how the work came about.

The Portland Vase will be unveiled at an event organised by the glass foundation at Hagley Hall later in August.

"From Rome to Stourbridge – 2,000 years of cameo glass", will be held on August 22 from 2pm to 7pm at 18th century Hagley Hall.

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Lens specialists in £5m revamp as demand rises

A LENS manufacturer has invested almost £5million revamping its Kidderminster base which, bosses say, could bring new jobs to the town.

Vision Labs has spent two years extending the premises in Foley Grove to help it cope with a surge in business. Bosses say the revamped lens coating facility could lead to more workers being recruited.

It would be a welcome boost to the town, which has been hit by redundancies and administration in recent months.

Luxury boat builders Sealine International announced it was shedding 72 jobs and carpet manufacturer Brintons is losing 150 jobs.

Vision Labs employs around 300 and the new lab was created by joining the existing factory and another building to make one site.

The plant provides special coatings for lenses. Vision Labs, which is partner in the Specsavers supply chain, is now able to coat more than 50,000 lenses a week, doubling its previous capacity.

Specsavers Kidderminster store director Jonathan Lee said: "Our town has lost a lot of manufacturing jobs during the recession. To have a world class investment in the town is really inspirational."

In harness for deliveries

Eric Such with horses Leo and Archie as Kinver Brewery revives horse-drawn drays

A BREWERY took a step back in time by delivering ale to pubs using a horse-drawn dray.

The old-fashioned method was revived by the Kinver Brewery to promote the Kinver Country Fayre, where the heavy horses will be on display. Crowds watched as the horses pulled a vintage dray to deliver ale in the village. Deliveries started at the Cat at Enville, and the dray went along the High Street to the Cross and the Constitutional Club.

The horses belong to Paul and Yvonne Simmons of the Mordearg Shires stud near Penkridge. They will be back in Kinver on June 17 to take part in the fayre.

Town hall concert

STOURPORT Choral presents Songs from the Shows at Kidderminster Town Hall on June 9 at 7.30. The Splinters dance group will also take part. Tickets at £10 and £9 from 01562 751890.

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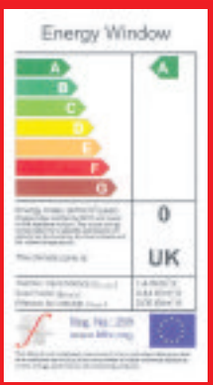

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Sports car firm to create jobs as plan for expansion wins approval

A SPORTS and kit car manufacturer plans to expand into Europe and create jobs after winning permission to build a base in the Wyre Forest district.

Grinnall Specialist Cars has been based in Bewdley for 20 years but said its present site in Heightington had become outdated and was too small for its plans.

And its expansion was given a boost when Wyre Forest District Council planners approved a scheme for the firm to build two new units at a former haulage yard in Ribbesford Road, Stourport.

The firm, known for creating the Scorpion III sports car, mainly exports to the United States but now plans to expand its operations into Europe.

Bosses will also take on four workers when the new base is complete, adding to its seven-strong workforce.

Owner Mark Grinnall said the company had been looking to move for some time but it had been a question of finding the right site.

"Our premises are now too small but while we wanted to expand to larger premises we wanted to keep the feel of the existing site," he said.

Encouraged

"We are known for being based in a rural area and it is something our customers appreciate.

"The new site will provide us with more space and will be a little easier to find while keeping the same feel as the old premises."

As part of the scheme an existing building at the Stourport site will be retained and extended to create one of the new units. The other will be a new build.

Members of the planning committee said the company should be encouraged in its plans to develop.

The committee was told the Stourport site had not been in use since 1997.

£10m idea for college is rejected

DUDLEY College has missed out on £10 million of funding to open a University Technical College.

The application, which was submitted in partnership with Aston University, Birmingham, was turned down by the Government.

The cash would have been used to bankroll the project to open the centre, which would have specialised in engineering and manufacturing, in 2014.

The college would have been built inPriory Road

Concerns fail to stop extension

PLANS to expand a factory in Stourport have been approved despite concerns a boundary wall will be built too near a house.

Conveyor Units Ltd won permission to extend buildings at Sandy Lane Industrial Estate, to create a new workshop and storage.

A detached storage building will also be created as part of the scheme and a 16ft wall built at the boundary to Saiwen and the Meadow Caravan Park.

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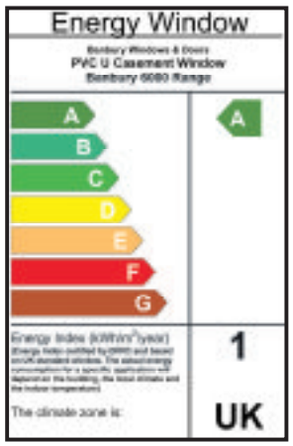

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Behind the scenes at the museum

David Kendrick, Collections Officer, with a group from the University of the Third Age and a waistcoat which belonged to music hall star Vesta Tilley

PEOPLE can learn about the treasures at Worcestershire County Museum at Hartlebury Castle during two special lunchtime tours this summer.

The first event, Curious about the Collection at 11am on June 20, offers a rare behind-the-scenes tour of the huge museum stores with the two collections officers.

Visitors will be able to get up close to hundreds of interesting objects, some of which have never before been shown to the public, and also have the chance to see inside the furniture, costume and archaeology "pods".

The unique items on show range from a mummified cat to a waistcoat worn by Worcester-born music hall star Vesta Tilley.

A second guided tour, 'Curious About the Castle, is at 11am on July 17.

People will explore more than 1,000 years of history, discovering how a medieval moated castle became a gentleman's residence for Georgian bishops, and learning to recognise where one period of building ends and another begins.

This tour through the ages will include viewing the bastion of a 13th century tower, the site of a 14th century kitchen, 15th century roof timbers in a medieval Great Hall, a Georgian saloon, and all the way to a 21st century glass elevator.

Mr Kendrick with a piece of Bronze Age pottery

Tickets for both tours must be pre-bookedand they cost £16 including lunch.

Rachel Robinson, Visitor Experience Manager, said: "These tours offer a great chance to learn more about the work of the museum.

"People really enjoy the chance to see areas of the building and items from the collection which aren't seen by the general visitors."

To book, telephone the museum on 01299 250416.

Burglars flee empty-handed

THREE burglars broke into a Kidderminster supermarket but left empty-handed after being disturbed by security staff. Police are hunting for the men who targeted Asda in New Road, and are studying CCTV from the store from Sunday night. Witnesses or anyone with information should contact Pc O'Brien on 0300 333 3000.

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Incinerator delay will be costly, firm warns

A DELAY in a decision on plans for a £120 million incinerator near Kidderminster, will hit local taxpayers in the pocket, it has been claimed.

An announcement was expected last month over the plans for Hartlebury Trading Estate but the Government said the new Planning Policy Framework had held up the process.

The proposals had to be opened up to comments from the public with regard to the new laws, meaning a decision is now expected on or before July 19.

Developer Mercia Waste Management says the plans will save £16 million a year in landfill tax, so any delay will hit taxpayers.

Disposal

A statement issued on behalf of directors John Plant and Javier Piero said: "The cost of doing nothing until new plans and proposals are decided upon will hit every rate payer in the pocket."

They said council taxpayers were facing increased costs of waste disposal with landfill tax at £80 per tonne – equivalent to £16 million pounds per year.

A report has been drawn up by an inspector for Communities Secretary Eric Pickles after an eight-day public inquiry last November.

The development was granted by Worcestershire County Council in March, but the plans were called in by Mr Pickles.

Ladies night to help charity

Stripper Armani and organisers Debbie Price, Lesley McHale and Heidi Cooper getting ready for the charity ladies night

AN adults-only ladies night is being held in Dudley to raise cash for charity.

The event at The Station Hotel in Castle Hill on June 15 will feature six male strippers and six drag acts. Money raised will go to Headway West Midlands, which supports people with brain injuries.

Organiser Debbie Price, of Brierley Hill, said she was inspired by the death of her friend Ross Askew, aged 36, who suffered from brain tumours.

A donation will also be made to Compton Hospice in memory of Pat Smith, the mother of drag act Tilly, who will be performing at the show. Miss Price said: "We are hoping to raise more than £2,000."

Changes approved

PLANS to alter and extend a converted barn in Bewdley have been approved by. Wyre Forest District Council's planning committee. Work to convert the barn at Willow Lodge, in Hoarstone Court, into a residential unit took place in the 1990s.

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A 1940s Park Village football team, most worked in the Park Lane factories

Ever Ready workers pour out of the Park Lane factory in the 1960s

Guy Motors staff on a hospital float in the First World War

Advertising Guy Motors in advert in the 1920s

Days when buses and batteries dominated

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

PARK LANE in Wolverhampton is named not because it's adjacent to a park, but because it runs through the Fallings Park area of the city, leaving the Cannock Road in the area of Park Village.

In 1908 there was a Model Housing Exhibition at Park Village, part of the garden suburb movement which was sweeping the country, and architects were invited to build modern houses to replace the old Victorian slums.

At the time, behind Park Lane School, the lane ran straight into fields of wheat and hay which stretched to the village of Bushbury, but this was not to last long.

In 1911 a Birmingham company called Efandem, which made electrical devices like torches and cycle lights, and the batteries to power them, built its new factory on Park Lane.

The firm was taken over by Ever Ready in 1925, and added radios to its many products, including the famous 'saucepan radio', which was built in a case like a saucepan, for the African market.

The abiding memory of local people, however, is of the women who made the batteries, emerging at the end of the day, blackened from the carbon rods they handled. Radio production ceased in 1968 and in 1980 the factory closed.

In 1914, on the other side of Park Lane, Sydney Guy, who had been manager at the Sunbeam, built his new factory to make a 30 cwt lorry.

Boosted by huge orders for the war effort, Guy Motors expanded rapidly, making not only trucks but also aero engines. Although Sydney Guy dabbled in car manufacture after the war, it was commercial vehicles which were to dominate the Park Lane production lines, trucks and buses, both trolley buses and motor buses. With Wolverhampton Corporation one of his biggest customers it was not surprising that they built their Park Lane Bus Depot on the other side of Park Lane, to house up to 56 assorted buses. Guy was taken over by Jaguar in 1961 and after that became part of British Leyland.

In 1915 another large factory opened in Park Lane, ABC Coupler, making automatic couplings for railway rolling stock, and other related products. It was to remain a major employer until 1961 when it abruptly closed down, the factory being bought by Guy.

The other major factory on Park Lane opened in 1920. Henry Meadows was created to make gearboxes but soon added petrol and most importantly diesel engines to its products. It closed in 1960, and was followed by Guy Motors in 1982, the last of the big names that made Park Lane such a power-house of manufacturing.

Small firms occupy some of the old factories, or units on the sites.

The machine shop at Henry Meadows in the 1950s

The production line for the Guy light vehicles

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Group set to stage a whodunnit

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Rate relief scheme aims to breathe life into empty shops

A SCHEME to try to bring empty shops back into use has been set up by Wyre Forest District Council.

The authority has set aside £100,000 to support Business Rate Relief for empty shops in Kidderminster, Stourport-on-Severn and Bewdley.

Any retailer who wants to bring a shop that has been empty for three months back into retail use can apply to the district council for up to 100 per cent relief from business rates for 12 months.

The council's initiative follows the ReWyre State of the Area debate earlier in the year when the number of empty shops was raised as a vital issue for the area.

It is hoped the move will encourage people to re-open empty shops.

In March the council learned that it had received £100,000 from central government from the newly launched High Street Innovation Fund to support its town centre improvement work.

John Campion, Leader of Wyre Forest District Council said the State of the Area debate showed that successful town centres were considered to be key pillars of a successful local economy.

"I'm delighted therefore to be able to offer some financial support to help prospective retailers take up some of our empty shops."

To take advantage of the offer contact Peter Michael on 01562 732534 or by email to peter.michael@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

TV appeal goes out to builders

REMARKABLE Television is looking for people in the Wyre Forest area who are planning to build a home with a maximum budget of £100,000.

Producers want to find a builder, an architect or a family building a home on a budget.

They want people to send an outline of their project and contact details to house@endemoluk.com

Alternatively, people can telephone the programme makers on 03335 777 778.

Council Chairman stays in his post

Councillor Stephen Clee, chairman for the second year

WYRE Forest District Council elected Bewdley Ward Councillor Stephen Clee to the position of District Chairman at its annual meeting.

Councillor Clee who was first elected to the council in 1992 said: "It's a great honour to do the job as chairman once, but to be asked twice and be elected unopposed was a great delight."

Councillor Clee was elected Chairman last year and was due to step down following this year's elections and hand the position over to former Councillor Kenneth Prosser.

But Mr Prosser did not hold his Habberley and Blakebrookseat in the council elections on May 3.

Councillor Clee said it would be business as usual, having had a very busy first year in the post.

"I have had three royal visits in the district, been to Buckingham Place for tea with the Queen and hosted some special events for our Honorary Alderman Elizabeth Mills.

"This year has started off with a bang with greeting the Olympic Torch and then attending Kidderminster Mayor Making."

Councillor Clee added "I will continue to fundraise this year for Kemp Hospice as my chosen charity and will be supported by Miss Sue Morris as my consort."

Castle file sent in after 21 years

A FILE on Dudley Castle's archaeological digs has been returned to the castle – 21 years after a student borrowed it in order to carry out some research.

Former history student at Wolverhampton University, Jodie Keane, who is now a London-based BBC producer, posted the book back to after discovering it in her attic after all these years.

She said: "I was at the university from 1988 to 1991.

"In my final year, along with three other students, I put together a project on Dudley Castle.

"This book was lent to us to help with our project."

The 50-page publication, entitled Dudley Castle Archaeological Project, provides details of excavations carried out between 1983 and 1985.

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We must end TV-inspired culture of greed

GAME shows like The Apprentice and Dragons Den are helping to fuel the greed of the individual and the decline of British industry.

These programmes propagate the view that being wealthy is an end in itself. There never seems to be a knock-on effect where a product is manufactured in Britain that will benefit a whole community with work.

In Dragons Den, particularly, the products are always made in China. A typical example was a telephone device that, among other things, screens calls and identifies callers.

The inventor said that each unit is "£27 delivered to the dock and will sell for £99.99."

The unit is now on sale for £99.99 from the inventor's website. Surely a mark-up of 370 per cent is a large enough profit for anyone. Even if it cost £50 to make in Britain, it would still provide a 100 per cent mark-up and would probably be better constructed. Of course, the entrepreneur would not make as much money and that, apparently, is what it is all about.

I believe that the cost difference between products made in China and Britain are not as different as we are led to believe. I would certainly pay a small premium for a quality British made product knowing that it was good value and keeping people in work.

Governments constantly tell us how they are going to increase employment and encourage investment. Mass employment will never come back to these shores unless we break this culture of greed pervading the UK.

Lord Sugar should justify his peer's salary by insisting that all companies that have products made abroad must get comparable quotes from British manufacturers.

Peter Lawson,
Meadowsweet Way, Kingswinford.

We can't afford to shore up the euro

IN the last few weeks there has been a problem with the Euro. There has always been a problem with the Euro from the time it was first forced on to the people of Europe, excluding Britain and a few others. It was a mess from the start.

Then along comes Gordon Brown and saves it by buying Euros with Britain's gold reserves, without consulting the people of Britain. The reserves were set up by our forefathers as a failsafe for our paper money.

Now the chickens are coming home to roost and no one to shore it again. Thank God Brown is not in power to throw our gold reserves at it again.

It's time for everyone in Europe to stand back and let it sink or swim on its own merits.

J Greensil,
Longbank, Bewdley.

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Speedway stadium is needed urgently

EVERY time a site is proposed for Dudley Speedway it's announced that the site is earmarked for another project.

This time it's the land between the zoo and the Black Country Living Museum. The site has been wasteland for at least 25 years. We are told there are plans for it.

What plans are these? Is funding secured? When will the site cease to be wasteland and start being used for something useful? And can there be a better proposal than one which would give Dudley a proper sporting arena where people may watch and take pride in a professional team representing the town in a national competition?

A home for the speedway team is a matter of urgency. Football could be played there, greyhound racing could take place, etc. It would create jobs and give the town a much needed sense of identity. The site between the zoo and the museum is ideal. It is vacant, well served by public transport and there are no residential sites affected. If the council has a better plan for this land, let's hear it.

Steve Sant,
Forest Road, Dudley.

Protect us from greedy bosses

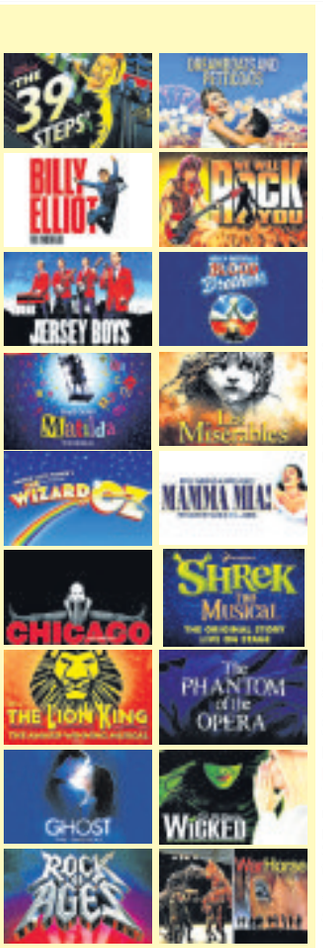
THE constant bleating by UK business that it requires less red tape – otherwise known as the right to treat workers like dirt – is becoming tiresome.

Some business owners are spiteful,suspicious and greedy and no-fault dismissal would give workers unfortunate enough to work for such people absolutely no respite in law against unfair dismissal.

The notion that if you can easily sack somebody you are more likely to employ them in the first place is ridiculous.

British workers already work for lower wages and have fewer holidays than workers almost everywhere in the western world. Further burdens on the workforce must be resisted.

Ellie Shaw,
Forest Road,
Dudley.



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Children improving sport skills

CHILDREN are improving their sporting skills and trying crafts at leisure centres in Dudley.

Dudley Leisure Centre, in Wellington Road, is hosting activities for youngsters today and tomorrow (Friday) from 9am to 4pm.

The events include football, dancing, bikes, T-shirt designing and video games.

Places must be booked in advance and cost £10 a day. For more information, call 01384 812800.

Charity needs help with new support scheme for youngsters

THE youth homelessness charity St Basils has agreed with Worcestershire County Council to set up a supported lodgings sheme for Worcestershire.

The charity is recruiting local people to help young care leavers learn the skills to be independent by lodging in their homes.

The scheme has received a lot of interest but more applications are needed in order to help the number of local young people in need of support. The scheme aims to provide a stepping stone for young care leavers usually aged 16-18 but the service is offered up to the age of 21.

The scheme recruits hosts from all walks of life who have a spare room and want to make a difference to vulnerable young people by providing accommodation and support for an agreed amount of time.

Because they have been in care, or have other difficulties, the young people don't have the necessary knowledge and skills to live on their own successfully. The hosts who can provide encouragement and guidance to enable them to develop the practical skills and confidence needed to make the leap to independent living.

In return, the hosts get a financial contribution and a support package which includes training and social activities.

One person from Kidderminster, who wanted to be named only as Julie, has applied to take part in the scheme. She said: "I've been in care work for 20 years and was considering fostering. My girls have grown up now and moved out and I miss having a busy household. This is a good way of doing something I enjoy. I know from my work that you get such a buzz when you see that person develop and move on, get their own place, get a job.

"The reward you get, that it's you that's helped them move on with their lives, that's an amazing feeling."

For information call 0786 7354699 or email home2homenw@stbasils.org.uk

Town is shaken up by quake

AN earthquake of 2.5 on the Richter scale hit the market town of Ludlow.

The British Geological Survey said the earthquake in the town happened last Friday, at 12.16pm at a depth of 8.75 miles.

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Internet warning given to councils

COUNCILS in the region have failed to draw up plans to spend £500,000 to provide superfast broadband internet connections.

It has prompted a warning from Culture and Media Secretary Jeremy Hunt.

Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton are among 25 per cent of local authorities nationally not to have finalised their plans.

Neighbouring Staffordshire has sorted out its own plans to pay for the most up-to-date technology to be installed in streets and rural areas.

Risk

The Government has allocated money from a £530 million fund to each authority to help provide 90 per cent of homes and businesses with access to superfast broadband.

Mr Hunt said: "Residents and businesses in the Black Country risk being left in the broadband slow lane unless councils sort out their broadband plans."

Speaking on behalf of the region's authorities, Councillor Steve Eling, said: "If the government is dissatisfied with the commercial operators, they should raise concerns with the industry regulator.

"To expect taxpayers to stump up hundreds of thousands of pounds when budgets for local services have been slashed in order to give that money to highly profitable commercial companies is a gross misuse of public money."

Spuds you like – how the potato became superfood

By Cathy Spencer

IT'S THE kind of sight that would have low-carb dieters like Madonna, Jennifer Anniston and Gerri Halliwell watering at the mouth.

At Claire Collier's farm in Staffordshire she can practically climb up the mountain of potatoes she keeps in her shed.

Until now spuds have come under attack as they are at the top of the high-carbohydrate and high glycemic index list.

But now researchers have said that potatoes are a 'wonder food' packed full of vitamins, minerals and nutrients.

Deliver

Claire, 30, who grew up on the farm in Ingestre, near Stafford, grows around 200 acres of potatoes with her brother Mark and parents Andrew and Pauline.

"Potatoes are a staple of the British diet and it is great to hear they are the latest superfood," says Claire, who is married to farmer Peter Pratt and has two children – Isabelle, aged three, and Toby, one.

"We deliver our potatoes locally to schools, pubs and nursing homes, but at the moment the market is fairly flat.

"This year most farmers have had a good yield and potatoes are coming in from the continent, which means we are left with a surplus in England."

A study was recently completed by independent nutritionist Sigrid Gibson on behalf of the Potato Council. They have produced a mobile phone app, which compares how good potatoes are with the traditional superfoods.

Claire Collier in the potato store at Collier Farm, Ingestre, near Stafford

Ian and Helen Fortescue at Gailey Fruit Farm

According to the research spuds are actually better for the body than traditional superfoods – such as bananas, broccoli, beetroot, nuts and avocado.

The researchers analysed the food intake of 876 children and 948 adults, and said people are wrong to shun potatoes in favour of modern and more expensive alternatives.

Claire says: "We are hoping the market will pick up this summer especially with the Olympics as more people will be coming to England, which will hopefully produce an increase in demand."

The new research also found that the potato contains more of the mineral selenium than the average child gets from all the seeds and nuts they consume.

Last year a separate study discovered that eating spuds twice a day can lower blood pressure – and contrary to popular perceptions it won't make you put on weight.

Scaled

At Gailey Fruit Farm, near Penkridge, Ian and Helen Fortescue used to produce potatoes for McCain, who are the main supplier to McDonalds.

Now they have scaled back production to just two acres, which gives them just enough to sell in their farm shop.

"It became too difficult to produce potatoes for the food industry as the price they agreed to pay us went steadily down until it didn't become viable for us," says Ian, 52.

"We have decided to miss out the middle man and get the produce straight to the customer."

Ian says he plants potatoes every week from February to ensure a constant supply of fresh potatoes.

Potatoes are one of the most popular items in their shop and they don't deserve the bad press they receive.

"It is the process that people put potatoes through which makes them unhealthy," he says.

"Instead of buying a bag of potatoes people are getting frozen chips and oven-ready baking potatoes.

"The biggest consumers now of potatoes are the Chinese and the developing world as they are fairly easy to grow."

Potato production in developed countries like England has declined by around one per cent per year over the past 20 years, while output in developing countries, particularly China and India, has expanded at an average rate of five per cent per year.

Ian says: "For developing countries potatoes are perfect as you can get a yield of 25 tonnes per acre, but can only get a tenth of that in rice so it is a good food source for them.

"With people watching their money in the UK maybe they should start switching back to the humble potato."

It's chocks away for for huge air display

THE countdown has begun for the biggest aviation event in the West Midlands.

There are now just weeks to go until Cosford Air Show on June 17.

The flying display promises to be one of the most exciting yet with everything from fast jets to biplanes, helicopters to gliders.

The Great War Bird Team will be honouring the 100th anniversary of the Royal Flying Corps and other highlights include role demos from the Tornado and Sea King from the Royal Air Force and the Apache from the Army Air Corps.

Packed

There will also be the usual appearance from the Red Arrows, Falcon Parachute display team and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

The Blades display team, the Agusta 109 helicopter display from Belgium and a performance from the Typhoon round off the air display.

As well as the traditional indoor craft fair and three hangars packed with military exhibitions and interactive displays from all three services, this year sees the first-ever appearance of the RAF Field Gun Display in the new arena.

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The last chance saloon for working men's club

WORKING men's clubs were once the social fabric of our nation.

In popular sitcoms of the 1970s, characters such as Selwyn Froggitt rarely seemed to be out of them.

Comedians of the time, such as Jim Bowen, Mike Reid and Charlie Williams, built careers out of them.

Today, these great British institutions are disappearing fast. Thirty years ago there were 4,000 clubs dotted around the UK. Now there are 2,000.

"I would say we have lost around 20 per cent of our clubs over the last seven or eight years," says Malcolm Edwards, secretary of the Midland Counties Entertainment Council.

Malcolm, a stalwart of the club circuit, speaks from experience. Brierley Hill Labour Club, where he was a member for 30 years, closed in 2010.

He is now involved with Netherton Sports and Social Club, formerly Netherton Liberal Club.

As the Working Men's Club and Institute Union (CIU) prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary this year, the number of affiliated clubs in the West Midlands is down to 119, compared to 211 in 1998. Malcolm fears for the future of remaining clubs.

Members of Wolverhampton's Jones Road Working Men'scelebrate the opening of an extension in September, 1977

Once the backbone of our communities, social clubs are increasingly finding they have to adapt or die. **MARK ANDREWS** reports

Problems

"I would say in two to three years' time there will be 50 per cent of the clubs in this region," he says bleakly.

Part of the problem is, he says, that teenagers no longer come into the clubs with their parents.

"They don't want social clubs, they want wine bars," he says.

"Our son was brought up with social clubs, but he wouldn't be seen dead in them now. He's 26 now."

Ruth Cherrington, who runs the Clubhistorians.co.uk website, is one of the generation that grew up with the West Midland social club scene. "Some of my earliest childhood memories are of being taken to the local working men's club," she says.

"We were just an ordinary working-class family, we lived in a council house and there wasn't much room, so it was almost like an extension of our living room."

Ruth, who is writing a book about the history and future of the clubs, agrees getting younger people involved is crucial to their survival.

"The clubs which are doing well are doing things like putting Indie music nights on to bring younger people in," she says. "They have to look at doing things like the curry nights they do in Wetherspoons, or Sunday lunches.

Clubs, like pubs, have also suffered from the smoking ban, rising beer duties, and cut-price competition from supermarkets. But Ruth says another difficulty clubs face is that while they have traditionally been run by members with little business experience, they are increasingly under pressure to operate along commercial lines.

One of the more radical changes in the fight for survival has taken place at Codsall Legionaires Club.

After finding itself in financial difficulties 18 months ago, the club allowed its function room to be turned into a pet shop. Member Glynne Owen already owned a pet shop in the village, and when he wanted to expand, he bought the room from the club.

"It's worked well for everyone," says club president Dicky Bennett.

He also says the football team has played a crucial role in bringing younger people into the club.

Malcolm Edwards says getting the right entertainment is also important, and that is what has helped turn around his club.

He says the clubs which do best are the ones located in close-knit communities, with lots of people living nearby.

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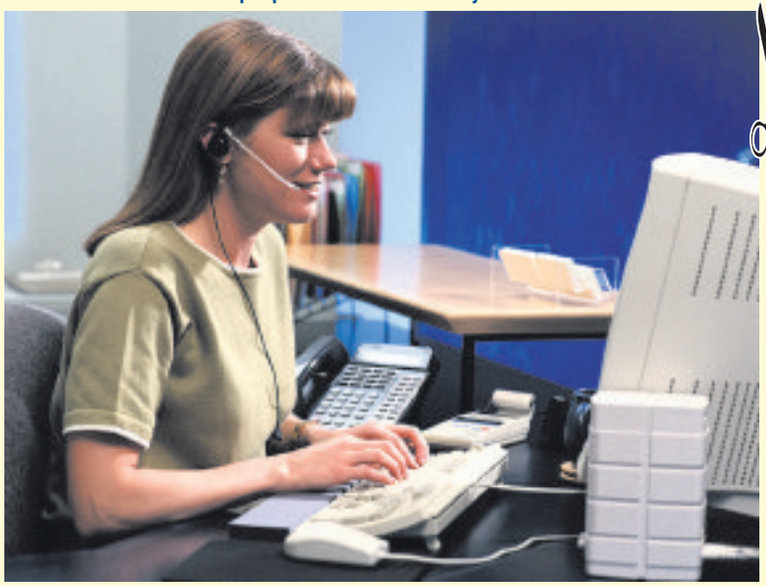

CLUB NEWS

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Members give hall a party look

WOLLASTON E TOWNSWOMEN

THE May meeting was the 'open evening' so very little of the usual business took place. There were 45 members in attendance and two visitors.

The committee, plus a few members had been busy arranging tables and chairs together with wine and nibbles, giving a party look.

Joining in, by invitation, were members from Federation and neighbouring guilds, namely Norton, Oldswinford, Kingswinford and Grange.

Vice-chairman Hazel Needham gave up-to-date news of long-time member Joan Oakley, who is quite poorly in hospital. All thoughts are with her.

There followed a very popular tombola, together with well stock plant and books stalls.

Afterwards, the club was well entertained by Lisa Smith with old time music hall songs. To make it look authentic, Lisa also dressed in costumes of the particular period. It was described by all as a 'jolly good evening'.

On May 15 the annual dinner took place at Blakelands, Bobbington where approximately 35 members enjoyed good food, good comradeship and a very good get-together!

The next meeting is June 12 at St James Church Hall, Wollaston at 7.30pm. The competition is an old toy.

Entertaining talk by Black Country poet

David Bartley's talk entertained members

HAWNE "E" TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

THE chairman welcomed 40 members and three visitors to the last meeting where seven long service awards were presented.

The guild's charity for the coming year is Leukaemia research. Next year the guild may not choose a charity so it can build up its own funds.

The Mayor's Jubilee service is on June 8 at 6pm. A trip to Winterbourne House takes place on July 18. The flower club is celebrating 40 years on June 13.

David Bartley from Tipton entertained with his Black Country poetry and humour.

The sales table was plants, grown by Mollie Greenway's husband and approximately £40 was the result. Next members enjoyed a cup of tea and biscuits and a chat.

The next meeting is on June 18 at the Zion Christian Centre. Members are asked to wear red, white and blue for a Jubilee tea. There will be a quiz and, hopefully, a display of memorabilia.

Chairman presides over quiz

QUARRY BANK TOWNSWOMEN

MEMBERS enjoyed a social evening with activities including a quiz, presided over by the chairman and time to visit a well stocked sales table.

A report was given on the recent Federation meeting and their various forthcoming events were mentioned.

A different venue for the annual lunch was announced – this year it is to be at Wharton Park Golf and Country Club on July 30. There will be no speaker this year.

The National General Meeting held at the ICC, Birmingham will be on June 29. Other events include the National lunch and the chairman's 'At Home'.

The social secretary informed the guild that a visit to the Jenny Ring Craft Centre is being arranged for July.

The speaker for the next meeting on June 19 is Ian Bott. His talk entitled, 'Grave Subject'.

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School hopes to be named best in the country at prestige awards

A SCHOOL in Kidderminster has been shortlisted for four prestigious national accolades, recognising outstanding achievement and inspirational teaching.

Baxter College is in the running for Outstanding Secondary School of the Year, Outstanding Leadership Team, Outstanding Business Team and Most Inspirational Teacher.

The school, which has won a brace of awards in recent years, features in a third of the 12 categories of this year's Times Educational Supplement (TES) Awards.

Head of year and science teacher Rob Birch has been nominated for the individual award for his hard work, dedication and levels of inspiration.

All his lesson observations over the past four years have been graded as outstanding and one pupil told the award judges: "He is committed to us and is an all-round great teacher."

Headteacher Dave Seddon added: "Rob never gives up on anyone and will spend hours modifying his approach to suit every student."

Baxter's business team has been shortlisted for the way it ensures the operational side of the school runs efficiently and effectively, with its single central register and priority on safeguarding picked out for particular praise. Both aspects were graded as examples of excellence in the school's recent Ofsted inspection.

A TES spokesman said: "If there is one principle underlying the awards it is that success is a team effort. It is rarely the product of one person acting alone.

"The Outstanding Leadership Team Award goes to the school that demonstrates the breadth and depth of its leadership skills across a wide range of functions."

Mr Seddon said the Outstanding Secondary School Award would be a huge accolade for the school.

The winners will be announced on July 6.

MP takes the chair to help firms

A BLACK Country MP has chaired the first meeting of a new cross-party group set up to support business.

The Parliamentary Group for Trade and Investment, chaired by Stourbridge MP Margot James, was formed to research and inform debate over how best to support British exporters, particularly smaller firms, and encourage foreign investment into the UK. The group also aims to promote trade and links between parliamentarians and industry.

Skills on display at museum

THE annual Paperweight Day returns to the glass museum at Kingswinford's Broadfield House Glass Museum.

The Scottish glassmaker William Manson will the star attraction at this year's event which is on Saturday.

He will be demonstrating his paperweight-making skills.

The Paperweight Day will run from 10am and admission is free.

For more information, people are asked to call 01384 812745.

Glasses raised to town beer festival

Camra members Nick Yarwood, front, David Collins, Richard Loake, Stephen Malpass and Craig Talbot

HUNDREDS of real ale fans descended on Stourport Beer Festival the first to be held in the town for more than a decade.

The event at Stourport Boat Club was organised by the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra).

It ran from Friday to Sunday and featured 30 real ales and eight ciders, and donations were made to Kidderminster's Kemp Hospice.

Nick Yarwood, chairman of Kidderminster Camra, said: "It has been great to see so many people attend the event as this is the first in Wyre Forest for a number of years.

"Lovers of real ale locally are fortunate to have many brewers of fine ales within a short distance, and their ales are appearing more often in local pubs.

But there are many more interesting and tasty ales from these breweries than are sometimes seen on the bar."

The hospice's community fundraiser Ele Millward said: "We are very grateful to Camra for their support."

Benefit cheat's £10k savings

A BENEFIT cheat wrongly claimed more than £6,000 despite owning a home and having £10,000 in savings.

Colin Guest has been ordered to carry out 100 hours of community service.

Guest, aged 57, of Church Road, Swindon near Stourbridge, admitted failing to tell South Staffordshire Council that he owned a house in Foundry Road, Kingswinford, when he started claiming council tax benefit.

He also had savings of £10,000 which he failed to declare when he started claiming the benefit.

Guest has repaid the money he wrongly claimed but was ordered by magistrates to undertake 100 hours of unpaid work and pay the council's costs of £216.

Councillor Roy Wright said: "Benefits are here to help those who really need it, not to support those who already own a property and have £10,000 just sitting in the bank."

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Pit centenary gathering has the memories flooding back

THEY hardly recognised each other without the coal dust on their faces – but it was just like old times at a reunion of former workers at a famous colliery.

More than 80 people gathered to mark the 100th anniversary of the Baggeridge pit swinging into full-time production.

Memories flooded back as some met for the first time in more than 50 years during the event at the tea shop at a beauty spot where the colliery used to stand

The Baggeridge Colliery, near Sedgley, closed in 1968. The land was turned into the country park that now bears its name. After the pit closed, the land was bought by South Staffordshire District Council and the 150-acre country park opened in 1983.

Gordon Bunn, from Kidderminster, and Barry Hickman, from Bridgnorth, share their memories at the reunion

Arthur Beddard's relatives Chris Hanson, Valerie Rudall, Margaret Beddard and Elizabeth Holbrook

Arthur Beddard set to work in 1908

Strange

Dave Daly, who owns the cafe, organised the reunion to commemorate the old pit and the people who worked there.

St the event was former haulage worker Gordon Bunn, aged 73, who bumped into Barry Hickman, whom he used to work alongside but had not spoken to since he left in 1956.

Mr Bunn, of Coningsby Drive, Kidderminster, said: "It brought back a lot of memories. I remember the guide ropes snapping on a cage of coal and it was swinging around out of control. There was a real team spirit down there."

The family of the late Arthur Beddard gathered to pay tribute to the man who spent most of his working life down the pit, only leaving to serve in the First World War. Mr Beddard, who lived in High Street, Sedgley, started at the colliery at 14 in 1908 and worked his way up from a pit boy to mines deputy.

His grand-daughters and daughter-in-law took along photos of Mr Beddard and said they were "very proud" of his career.

Valerie Ruddall said the colliery was her grandfather's "lifeblood" and added: "Not enough is said about the men that worked here. It was very important to the area."

Working in the colliery was a tradition for the Cartwright family, with five brothers and their father James all earning a living there in the 1950s. Claude Cartwright, 80, of Lyndon Close, Sedgley, was a haulage worker there for 10 years from 1958, and was joined by his brothers Bert, Bernard, Roy and Gordon. Gordon was killed when he was crushed by a coal truck in Enville High Street after leaving his job in the pit.

The reunion was the first time Claude had visited the site since his days at the pit, and he said it felt "marvellous".

Mr Daly said he was delighted with the turnout and vowed to set up similar events in the future.

He said: "They started digging at the colliery in 1902 but it was 1912 before it was in full production. I decided that, as it is now 100 years since the colliery was in full swing, we should keep the history going."

Leisure firm to sell gym in town

FITNESS First is to sell 67 of its gyms and another will stay shut.

Sites at Level Street, Brierley Hill, and Foley Business Park in Kidderminster will be sold in a last-ditch bid to tackle a £600 million debt mountain.

The women-only gym in Birmingham Road, Wolverhampton, will also close for good. It shut for repairs after a fire at the AMF bowling alley above it in February.

The chain also has premises in Wednesbury, Walsall Wood and Cannock, which are thought to be unaffected by the sell-off.

It wants landlords to back a company voluntary arrangement that will see it offload the clubs to other operators over the next six months.

The deal would leave the firm operating 80 sites, 57 of which will move to monthly rent payments, while five others will see rent cut by more than a third for three years to help make it a leaner business.

Museum show

COSTUMES, home furnishings, and books from the Georgian era are going on show at Worcestershire County Museum at Hartlebury Castle, near Kidderminster. Call 01299 250416 fior more information.

Police in action on nuisance cyclists

POLICE are cracking down on young cyclists riding their bikes dangerously through a Worcestershire village.

There have been a number of complaints about the nuisance riders in Wolverley.

Now the police say they will be carrying out spot checks on the cyclists. And they are asking people who see dangerous riding to contact them.

They say the complaints have been of youths riding the wrong way up the one way road, ignoring red traffic lights, riding in a generally dangerous way, and riding bikes without effective brakes.

On May 15, a youth riding a bike carelessly in the village collided with a car.

A police spokesman said the cyclist was injured and damage worth £500 was caused to the vehicle.

"It was pure luck that the cyclist wasn't killed or seriously injured," the spokesman said.

Workshop date

A BIRDWATCHING workshop for beginners will be held at Wolverhampton's Bantock House over the next month. Children and adults can take part in the session on Sunday. Call 01902 552195.

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Laughter is best medicine when doctor is squeaky Joe

DOCTOR In The House takes to the stage at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday, starring one of Britain's best loved funnymen, Joe Pasquale, and award-winning stage and screen actor Robert Powell, who is still best known for Jesus Of Nazareth.

The farce follows the misadventure of the inexperienced young medical student Simon Sparrow as he begins his five-year internship at St Swithin's Teaching Hospital, where he runs foul of head surgeon Sir Lancelot Spratt.

Books

Stand-up comic Pasquale plays another hapless medic and Powell plays Sir Lancelot.

The original Richard Gordan novel, Doctor In The House is one of 12 Doctor books drawing on the writer's own anecdotes from pre-war medical school.

The Doctor In The House film was the hit British movie of 1954.

The show continues at the Grand to June 16.

Robert Powell and Joe Pasquale in Doctor In The House, coming to Wolverhampton Grand

Rocket man is ready to touch down

Sir Elton to play LG Arena

'ROCKET Man', Sir Elton John, is set to land at the LG Arena next week with a special 'one night only' show.

Sir Elton will visit the Birmingham venue on Friday (15) giving fans the chance to see him perform some of his best-loved tracks live on stage. Since bursting onto the scene back in the late 1960s, he has gone on to become one of the biggest acts in pop.

Albums

Along with his long-term lyricist Bernie Taupin, Sir Elton has achieved 35 gold and 25 platinum albums, 29 consecutive Top 40 hits and has sold an amazing 250-million records worldwide.

And joining him at the Brum gig are 2CELLOS. The classically-trained musicians have performed together since January 2011 and in that time have become internet sensations.

They have landed a major record deal and management contract whilst being taken under the wing of Elton John.

Counselling session for Numb comic

Simon Amstell
New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

FUNNY man Simon Amstell's routine may be hilarious but is not so much stand-up as lie down and call the counsellor.

He has called this tour Numb, because he says the word describes his suppression and inability to communicate. Cue self-deprecating tales of his relationship with his father, lovers, celebrity friends and world at large.

Some leave you crying with laughter – others with a hope that, at 32, he isn't taking life as seriously as he suggests. His stories are told with the same natural ease that he brings to his TV roles.

He dealt with interruptions brilliantly, showed excellent timing and even gave us a fresh angle on the humour of over-groomed assistants on make-up counters. It helped compensate for his tendency to be preachy and to lift material from the last episode of his own Grandma's House series the same week that it was aired. Unfortunate.

Sarah Cowen

Susan's dream comes true

I Dreamed A Dream, Birmingham Hippodrome

SUBTITLED The Susan Boyle Musical, this show based on the life story of the Britain's Got Talent singing sensation has a bonus most tributes can't boast – the woman herself waiting in the wings.

The theatre erupted when she stepped out in a shimmering red dress to sing THAT song. Her voiced cracked a little, prompting the 51-year-old Scot to pull an 'oops' face but she nailed it with the big crescendo in the anthemic song from Les Miserables.

A cheeky wiggle and a twinkle in her eye and she asked if we wanted another, following I Dreamed A Dream with the defiant and celebratory Who I Was Born To Be.

Extraordinary

Was the show that preceded this brief but extraordinary performance any good? Yes.

Boyle's wasn't the first standing ovation. Elaine C Smith also had the audience on their feet for her portrayal of the dowdy, unconfident spinster hiding an incredible talent. The Rab C Nesbitt TV actress (Smith played Rab's long-suffering wife Mary) got the blend of timid and feisty right, and it helped that she has a strong singing voice.

Songs from the 1960s and 70s (most covered on Boyle's three albums) sung to a recorded soundtrack charted the story from school bullying for being "different", via fledgling romance crushed by an over-protective father, to a lonely existence after the deaths of her parents. And then looked at the global stardom brought by Britain's Got Talent and the power of one YouTube clip, enhanced by a set made up of dozens of TVs.

The production, which suggested Boyle wants to be a singer not a celebrity, didn't flinch from insults hurled by bullies, both in the playground and the national press.

The use of songs to illustrate these phases were sometimes inspired. The lyrics of Janis Ian's At Seventeen fit perfectly. The use of Stealers Wheel's Stuck In The Middle With You while she waited in line with TV talent show wannabes was a terrific set piece.

But the show, co-written by Smith with Alan McHugh, often lapsed into cliched dialogue despite a few sparky lines – like when her singing teacher asked her to try scales and she admitted being "chunky".

I anticipated sentimentality, however, the scenes where her parents' deaths saw them going upstairs to a shining door like taking a staircase to heaven was a bit much.

The audience loved it but I wonder if they would have turned up in such numbers if the woman herself had not been making an appearance.

One thing is clear, Susan Boyle has become an icon for anyone who feels underrated, excluded, uncool, bypassed or forgotten – and anyone who hopes that dreams can come true.

Leon Burakowski

Nashville's new faces

Lady Antebellum

AMERICAN country music's new generation has embraced pop and won many young fans thanks to Taylor Swift, The Civil Wars and Nashville trio Lady Antebellum.

The latter trio, whose name refers to pre-Civil War America, had UK hits with Need You Now and I Run To You.

Now the Grammy award-winning Charles Kelley, Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood plan a UK tour, including Birmingham's O2 Academy on July 17.

Arena stars

MAJOR new gigs announced for Birmingham's LG Arena include Texan singing sensation Kelly Clarkson, the first winner of American Idol, on October 14; the return of those 'Nutty Boys' Madness for a festive knees-up on December 13; and, way ahead, Jessie J on March 1, 2013.

The Twang join V bill

BLACK Country band The Twang have been added to the V Festival line up, beside The Killers, Stone Roses and much more in August.

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CHOICE

Lee McKenzie

Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights
BBC1, 10.30pm

Lee McKenzie presents the best of the action, as what has been a thrilling season so far continues with the battle for pole ahead of the seventh round in Montreal. Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel finished ahead of the field to claim his sixth pole position in seven races during the 2011 campaign. Six different drivers have taken the honours in as many Grands Prix at the start of the campaign for the first time in Formula 1 history, and with the likes of Hamilton yet to taste victory, a seventh different winner cannot be ruled out.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** British Olympic Dreams. **12.45** World Olympic Dreams. The progress of global athletes preparing for London 2012. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Cash in the Attic. (R) **2.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Netherlands v Denmark (Kick-off 5.00pm).
7.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.30 Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Germany v Portugal (Kick-off 7.45pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the Group B clash at the Arena Lviv in Ukraine, where the sides begin their quests for glory.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. OJ Borg reveals the all-important winning numbers, including the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
10.30 Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights. The Canadian Grand Prix qualifying session. Action from the battle for pole position in the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal; National Lottery Update.
11.45 Film: Ransom. (1996) An airline tycoon turns the tables on the criminals who have kidnapped his son by placing a bounty on their heads. Thriller remake, with Mel Gibson, Rene Russo and Gary Sinise.
1.40 Weatherview. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.15** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.35 Film:** Krakatoa, East of Java. (1968) **2.45 Film:** Goal! (2005) **4.35** Coast. (R) **5.35** Flog It! (R)
6.35 More Dawn French's Girls Who Do: Comedy. The comedienne talks to Victoria Wood, who reveals her childhood experience of seeing Joyce Grenfell perform and admits that for a long time she could not relax during stand-up. (R)
7.05 Victoria Wood's Short Term Memories. Skits, songs and sketches with the comedienne and friends, including long-time collaborator Julie Walters, plus Delia Smith, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. (R)
7.55 Victoria Wood: A Bafta Tribute. Julie Walters, Lenny Henry, Richard E Grant and Jim Broadbent gather for a gala honouring the much-loved entertainer, offering an opportunity to look back over her career. (R)
9.00 Jools Holland: London Calling. The performer embarks on a journey through the streets, landmarks, pubs, music halls and rock 'n' roll venues of London to uncover the history of the city through its songs.
10.15 London Songs at the BBC. A collection of performances from the BBC archives.
11.15 Film: Telstar: The Joe Meek Story. (2009) Premiere. Biopic of the 1960s record producer, starring Con O'Neill.
1.15 Film: Sugarhouse. (2007). Crime thriller, with Steven Mackintosh. **2.40** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** You've Been Framed! (R) **12.50** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Live French Open Tennis. **4.45** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.
6.00 The Greatest Footie Ads Ever. (R)
7.00 You Cannot Be Serious! Alistair McGowan presents a topical entertainment show mixing clips, sketches and impressions based on the week's biggest and most talked-about sporting events.
7.30 All New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage.
8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. A cleaner is found dead in her home and suspicion immediately falls upon her lodger, but Superintendent Spence begins to question the man's guilt. (R)
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 Euro 2012 Highlights. Netherlands v Denmark and Germany v Portugal. Action from the opening matches in Group B in Ukraine, staged at the Metalist Stadium in Kharkiv and the Arena Lviv respectively.
11.15 William at 30. Prince William's life in the public eye. (R)
12.15 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Nicki Minaj: Day in the Life. **9.25** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.35** T4: Love Shaft. **11.10** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** T4: Revenge. **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.15** Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.00 Come Dine with Me. Alicia Coppola hosts the penultimate dinner party in Manchester. (R)
6.30 Come Dine with Me. Film student Dennis Keighron-Foster hosts the final dinner party in Manchester. (R)
6.55 Channel 4 News.
7.25 4thought.tv.
7.30 Film: Definitely, Maybe. (2008) A father on the eve of his divorce tells his daughter about his life before he was married, including how he met her mother. Romantic comedy, with Ryan Reynolds and Abigail Breslin.
9.40 8 Out of 10 Cats Jubilee Special. An edition focusing on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
10.25 Alan Carr's Summertime Specstacular. With David Walliams, Justin Bieber, the Saturdays, Rizzle Kicks and the cast of Made in Chelsea. (R)
12.35 Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.20 Film:** Bombon el Perro. (2004) **2.55** Southland. **3.35** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.25** Smallville. (R) **5.05** Countdown. (R) **5.50** Glamour Puds. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.10** Big Brother: Eviction. (R) **12.10 Film:** The Secret Garden. (1993) **2.10 Film:** Random Hearts. (1999) Romantic drama, with Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas. **4.40 Film:** Steel Magnolias. (1989) Drama, with Sally Field and Julia Roberts.
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Highlights of day three of the Third Test at Edgbaston in Birmingham.
8.00 NCIS. The agents learn one of their former investigative assistants has been murdered, and had been selling information about how to rob a warehouse. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)
9.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenage girl is hurt in a fall, but doctors discover she is also suffering from injuries sustained in an attack, setting Benson and Stabler off on a search for her assailant.
10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the first eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.
11.00 10 Things I Hate About 1995. Robert Webb narrates an unpleasant trip down memory lane, beginning by recalling the worst music, TV shows, toys, news stories and celebrity moments of 1995. (R)
12.00 SuperCasino. **3.55** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Short Breaks. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who **7.50 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. **10.25** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Talk at the BBC **8.00** Elegance and Decadence: The Age of the Regency **9.00** Spiral 2: Gangs of Paris **10.45** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Trams – A Streetcar Named Desire **11.45** Wonders of the Solar System
ITV2
5.15 Film: Richie Rich (1994) **7.15 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **9.00 Film:** The Holiday (2006). Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet. **11.45** Britain's Got More Talent: Kids and Pets Unleashed
ITV3
3.55 Murder, She Wrote **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.05 Film:** The Likely Lads (1976) **9.00** Susan Boyle: An Unlikely Superstar **10.00** Lewis
ITV4
12.30 Live French Open Tennis **7.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** An Audience with Billy Connolly **10.10 Film:** The Krays (1990)
E4
3.40 Charlie's Angels **4.35** Revenge **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.35** Rules of Engagement **9.10** How I Met Your Mother **9.40 Film:** Chain Reaction (1996). Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz. **11.50** The Big Bang Theory
Film4
3.20 Aliens in the Attic (2009) **5.00** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **6.45** The First Wives Club (1996) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.25** The Hills Have Eyes 2 (2007)

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SUNDAY'S TV 10.06.12

CHOICE

Sheila Ferguson

The Royal History of Pop Channel 4, 10pm
The recent Diamond Jubilee concert, which saw current chart stars like Jessie J, Ed Sheeran and JLS joining knights of the realm Paul McCartney and Cliff Richard to pay tribute to the Queen, may have left some old punks nostalgic for 1977, when the Sex Pistols were advocating Anarchy in the UK and it wasn't cool to cosy up to the establishment. But as this documentary points out, the link between pop and the monarchy dates back long before Gary Barlow was composing songs for Elizabeth II– in fact, the love-hate relationship has existed since the birth of rock'n'roll.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Penguin Island. (R) **4.15** Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones. (R) **5.15** Points of View. **5.30** Songs of Praise.
6.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Countryfile. The team visits Warwickshire, where Matt Baker brushes up his tractor skills with Shipston-on-Stour Young Farmers, and Ellie Harrison learns the art of side-saddle riding.
7.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team head to Kensington Palace in central London, where members of the public share stories of encounters with the Queen from over the past 60 years.
8.30 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries. The body of Lynley's missing godson is discovered 12 years after he disappeared, and the detective himself becomes a suspect when the boy's sister is found dead. (R)
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.30 Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Highlights. The Canadian Grand Prix. Lee McKenzie presents extended highlights of the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal.
12.30 Film: Somers Town. (2008) Comedy, with Thomas Turgoose. **1.35** Weatherview. **1.40** Sign Zone: Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. (R) **2.40** Holby City. (R) **3.40** Question Time. (R) **4.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30 Film:** When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth. (1970) **2.05 Film:** They Came to Cordura. (1959) Military adventure, starring Gary Cooper. **4.05** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.35** Flog It! (R) **5.35 Film:** Serendipity. (2001). Romantic drama, starring Kate Beckinsale and John Cusack.
7.00 Oceans. Exploring the world's seas, beginning with the Sea of Cortez off the west coast of Mexico. (R)
8.00 Timewatch – Queen Elizabeth's Lost Guns. Documentary about efforts to retrieve 400-year-old cannons from the seabed off Alderney, and analyse the sunken ship on which they were found, which could rewrite naval history. (R)
9.00 Coast. Exploring the tidal ebb and flow of the seas surrounding Britain, including the rapids off the coast of Anglesey and the marine wildlife visible from Jersey's Seymour Tower.
10.00 Louis Theroux: Twilight of the Porn Stars. Louis revisits the male porn stars he met in LA 15 years ago, finding out where they are now and how the business has been affected by the deluge of free material on the internet.
11.00 Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. Republic of Ireland v Croatia and Spain v Italy. Colin Murray presents action from the respective Group C matches at the Municipal Stadium Poznan and the Arena Gdansk in Poland.
12.00 Episodes. (R) **12.30 Film:** Deathtrap. (1982) **2.20** BBC News. **4.50** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.20** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.00** Live French Open Tennis. The men's singles final. John Inverdale presents coverage of the conclusion of the second Grand Slam tournament of the season, staged at Roland Garros in Paris. Coverage continues on ITV4. **4.15** Euro 2012 Live. Spain v Italy (Kick-off 5.00pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage of the Group C clash at the Arena Gdansk in Poland, where reigning champions Spain get their campaign under way.
7.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
7.05 ITV News; Weather.
7.15 Euro 2012 Live. Republic of Ireland v Croatia (Kick-off 7.45pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage from the Municipal Stadium Poznan in Poland, where the Group C teams play their opening match.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Film: The Incredible Hulk. (2008) A scientist who turns into a monster when angry is hunted by a general who wants to use him as a weapon. Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton and Tim Roth.
12.25 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** River Monsters. A search for the bull shark in South Africa. Last in the series. (R) **3.20** Motorsport UK. Porsche Carrera Cup and Renault Clio Cup highlights from Donington Park. With commentary by Richard John Neil and Simon Hill. **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Beach Volleyball. **7.35** Freesports on 4. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35 Film:** Black Knight. (2001) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Deal or No Deal.
6.20 Channel 4 News.
6.50 4thought.tv. A woman who has terminal cancer discusses how her diagnosis prompted her to re-evaluate her life and put her own needs first.
6.55 The Political Slot. Shadow Welsh Secretary Owen Smith MP discusses the effects of government cuts in his Pontypridd constituency.
7.00 One Born Every Minute. A fashion designer who has not attended any antenatal classes has a water birth, while another woman hopes her second experience of labour is easier than the first. (R)
8.00 Film: Dear John. (2010) Premiere. A soldier falls in love with a student, but their relationship is threatened when he decides to return to duty. Romantic drama, with Channing Tatum.
10.00 The Royal History of Pop. The links between the royal family and pop music.
11.05 Film: Aliens. (1986) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Sigourney Weaver.
1.55 Camelot. (R) **2.45** Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson "Night Swimmer". (R) **2.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.05** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **8.05** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.10** Little Princess. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.15** The Amy Macdonald Story. **10.45** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.45** Big Brother. (R) **12.45 Film:** Jackie Chan's First Strike. (1996) **2.25 Film:** The Golden Voyage of Sinbad. (1974) **4.30 Film:** Hitch. (2005)
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day of the Third Test at Edgbaston in Birmingham, where the sides play the final match of the series.
8.00 Once Upon a Time.
9.00 Big Brother.
10.00 Film: The Pursuit of Happyness. (2006) Fact-based drama, starring Will Smith.
12.20 Extraordinary People: Seven New Faces in Seven Days. (R) **1.20** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Wallace & Gromit's Cracking Contraptions **7.10** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers **7.40 Film:** Madagascar (2005) **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Russell Howard's Good News
BBC Four
7.00 Behind the Scenes at the Museum **8.00** Timeshift: All the Fun of the Fair **9.00** Nina Conti – A Ventriloquist's Story: Her Master's Voice **10.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **11.30** Frank Skinner on George Formby
ITV2
2.45 Film: A Little Princess (1995) **4.40 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **6.45 Film:** E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights **11.00** The Exclusives
ITV3
3.00 Murder, She Wrote **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.05** Wycliffe **11.15** Cracker
ITV4
11.30 British Touring Car Championship **4.00** Live French Open Tennis **8.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **10.00** Eurogeddon: Why England Shouldn't Win Euro 2012 **11.00 Film:** Scarface (1983)
E4
3.10 Glee **4.25** 90210 **5.20** The Big Bang Theory **6.15** Revenge **7.15 Film:** Honey, I Blew Up the Kid (1992). Comedy, with Rick Moranis. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23
Film4
3.15 Inspector Gadget (1999) **4.50** Ladyhawke (1985) **7.20** Hot Shots! Part Deux (1993) **9.00** Premonition (2007) **10.50** Under Siege (1992)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Crimewatch Roadshow. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Real Rescues. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Ukraine v Sweden (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Have I Got a Bit More News for You. **11.20** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.05** Film: Spy Hard. (1996) Spoof spy adventure, starring Leslie Nielsen. **1.20** Weatherview. **1.25** Sign Zone: Divine Women. (R) **2.25** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **2.55** Chaplains: Angels of Mersey. (R) **3.25** Great British Menu. (R) **3.55** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. (R) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **7.00** Antiques Road Trip. **8.00** Springwatch 2012. **9.00** Britain in a Day. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Louis Theroux: Twilight of the Porn Stars. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **3.15** The Super League Show. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Euro 2012 Live. France v England (Kick-off 5.00pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage of the opening clash in Group D from the Donbass Arena in Donetsk, Ukraine. **7.30** Regional News; Weather. **7.45** ITV News; Weather. **8.00** Coronation Street. **9.00** Benidorm. (R) **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.35** Euro 2012 Highlights. **11.35** In Plain Sight. (R) **12.30** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** Secret Removers. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Three in a Bed. (R) **1.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.20** Film: Gideon of Scotland Yard. (1958) Police drama, starring Jack Hawkins. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Jimmy and the Giant Supermarket. **10.00** All in the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry. **11.05** Ria: Diary of a Teen Transsexual. **12.05** Random Acts. **12.10** Poker. **1.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **1.45** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **2.10** Beach Volleyball. (R) **3.05** The Grid. (R) **3.30** Volkswagen Racing Cup. (R) **4.00** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. **4.25** Freesports on 4. (R) **4.55** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **5.20** Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Big Brother. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.05** Summer Solstice. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cricket on 5; 5 News Update. **8.00** The Restaurant Inspector. Fernando Peire advises a struggling French restaurant in East Sussex; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours. **10.00** The Walking Dead. Daryl finds Sophia's doll, only to be thrown from his horse and injured, leaving him open to attack from walkers. Glenn discovers a horrible secret in the barn. **11.00** Big Brother's Bit on the Side. Emma Willis reports on developments in the house. **12.00** Sons of Anarchy. **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Crimewatch Roadshow. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Real Rescues. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show: Best of Britain. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Silk. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** A Great British Story. **11.05** Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. **11.55** Film: The Rainmaker. (1997) Legal drama, starring Matt Damon. **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** Sign Zone: The Apprentice: The Final. (R) **3.10** Death Unexplained. (R) **3.50** Crime and Punishment. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. (R) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **7.00** Antiques Road Trip. **8.00** Springwatch 2012. **9.00** Great Ormond Street. **10.00** QI. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The Secret History of Our Streets. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.30** Euro 2012 Live. Greece v Czech Republic (Kick-off 5.00pm). **7.00** Regional News; Weather. **7.10** ITV News; Weather. **7.20** Euro 2012 Live. Poland v Russia (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Constantine. (2005) Supernatural thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. **12.50** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Loose Women. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** Secret Removers. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Three in a Bed. (R) **1.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.20** Film: Gideon of Scotland Yard. (1958) Police drama, starring Jack Hawkins. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. **9.00** Jimmy and the Giant Supermarket. **10.00** All in the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry. **11.05** Ria: Diary of a Teen Transsexual. **12.05** Random Acts. **12.10** Poker. **1.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **1.45** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **2.10** Beach Volleyball. (R) **3.05** The Grid. (R) **3.30** Volkswagen Racing Cup. (R) **4.00** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. **4.25** Freesports on 4. (R) **4.55** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **5.20** Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Big Brother. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **3.05** Summer Solstice. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cowboy Builders; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Killers Behind Bars: The Untold Story; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. DB investigates a serial killer with a fetish for women's hair. **10.00** Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the house. **11.00** Big Brother's Bit on the Side. Emma Willis presents the live Big Brother round-up, including the usual debates, features, insights and gossip. **12.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) **4.15** HouseBusters. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Crimewatch Roadshow. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Real Rescues. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Netherlands v Germany (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Film: Face/Off. (1997) Action thriller, starring John Travolta and Nicolas Cage; National Lottery Update. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.30** Great Ormond Street. (R) **2.30** The Town Taking on China. (R) **3.30** Fake Britain. (R) **4.15** Great British Menu. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. (R) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **7.00** Antiques Road Trip. **8.00** Springwatch 2012. **9.00** The Secret History of Our Streets. **10.00** Sounds of the 70s 2 Rock 'n' Roll Revisited – Get It On. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The Fish Market: Inside Billingsgate. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.30** Euro 2012 Live. Denmark v Portugal (Kick-off 5.00pm). The second round of Group B fixtures gets under way with this clash at the Arena Lviv in Ukraine. Presented by Adrian Chiles. **7.00** Regional News; Weather. **7.15** ITV News; Weather. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Euro 2012 Highlights. **11.35** Perspectives: Robson Green and the Pitmen Painters. (R) **12.35** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** British Touring Car Championship. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** Secret Removers. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Three in a Bed. (R) **1.05** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius "One Giant Leap." (R) **1.10** Film: Only the Valiant. (1951) Western, starring Gregory Peck. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Secret Eaters. **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E. **10.00** A Short History of Everything Else. **10.30** The Killing. **11.30** Random Acts. **11.35** 2 Broke Girls. **12.00** Desperate Housewives. **12.55** Music on 4: Subculture. **1.10** Music on 4: Roots Presents: Twin Atlantic. **1.25** Music on 4: Spotlight. **1.40** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) **1.55** Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. (R) **2.05** Music on 4: The Crush. **3.05** Southland. **3.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Big Brother. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **3.15** Film: A Perfect Day. (2006) Drama, starring Rob Lowe. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Police Interceptors; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** New Emergency Bikers; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Big Brother. The housemates continue their on-camera holiday. **11.00** Big Brother's Bit on the Side. Emma Willis and her guests discuss how the housemates are getting on. **12.00** Poker: The Big Game. **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** HouseBusters. (R) **4.45** Great Scientists. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Crimewatch Roadshow. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Real Rescues. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **4.45** Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Italy v Croatia (Kick-off 5.00pm). **7.00** BBC News; Weather. **7.20** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.30** EastEnders. **8.00** Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones. **9.00** Call the Midwife. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. **12.35** Holiday Weatherview. **12.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.40** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **2.40** Fake Britain. (R) **3.25** Great British Menu. (R) **3.55** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. (R) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **7.00** Antiques Road Trip. **8.00** Springwatch 2012. **9.00** The Men Who Made Us Fat. **10.00** Mock the Week. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** This Week. **12.05** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R) **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.20** ITV News; Weather. **6.45** Emmerdale. **7.15** Euro 2012 Live. Spain v Republic of Ireland (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Richard Madeley. (R) **11.35** The Late Debate. **12.05** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Channel 4 Presents – London Dreaming. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** Secret Removers. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Three in a Bed. (R) **1.00** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.10** Film: The Bedford Incident. (1965) Cold War thriller, starring Richard Widmark. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Country House Rescue. **9.00** The House the 50s Built. **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E. (R) **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Jimmy and the Giant Supermarket. (R) **12.10** The Secret Millionaire. (R) **1.05** All in the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry. (R) **2.00** Murdoch, Cameron & the £8 Billion Deal: Channel 4 Dispatches. (R) **2.30** Unreported World. (R) **3.00** Time Team USA. **3.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.50** Countdown. (R) **5.35** My Eden. (R) **5.40** Glamour Puds. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** Rough Guide: Ultimate Escapes. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Big Brother. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **3.15** Film: Carnal Innocence. (2011) Premiere. Thriller, starring Gabrielle Anwar. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Big Body Squad; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Marco Pierre White's Kitchen Wars; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Girl with 90 Per Cent Burns: Extraordinary People. New series. The stories of three young people fighting medical challenges, beginning with 15-year-old Terri Calvesbert, who suffered devastating burns in a house fire as a toddler. **10.00** Big Brother. More from the house. **11.00** Big Brother's Bit on the Side. **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Great Scientists. (R)

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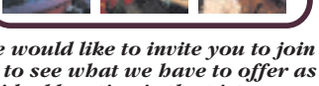

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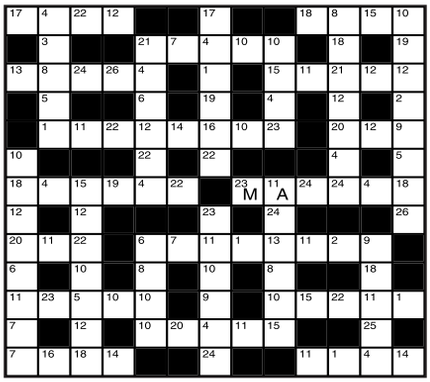
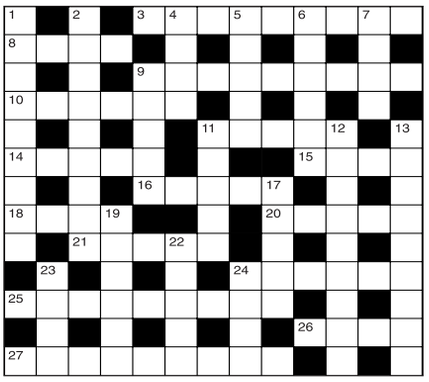


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
U	K	N	W	R	D	H	S	O	Z	J	B	Y
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Q	E	X	I	G	V	F	L	A	C	P	T	M

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. With assurance, indeed (9)
8. Well-produced paintings? (4)
9. A reckoning that comes to nothing (5,4)
10. Revolutionary type of public legislation (3,3)
11. We hope the list includes her (5)
14. To be so, use some shorter sentences (5)
15. Sweet tryst? (4)
16. It's the last in the home games (5)
18. Satisfies a consuming passion (4)
20. Strong drink? (5)
21. Gets saner, perhaps (5)
24. Scarcity of thread, possibly (6)
25. Just the type to make a good lookout? (9)
26. Peruvian began incautiously (4)
27. They may be suspended from the works - on account of timekeeping? (9)

Down

1. Did something and was sent to prison (9)
2. Complicated tale a bore will add even more detail to (9)
4. It was enough for our ancestors (4)
5. It may be held up or down (5)
6. 3 Across in action (6)
7. Type of linen one may walk on (4)
9. Came to nothing artistically (5)
11. Vessels were wrecked on the point (5)
12. I rub along, somehow, working hard (9)
13. Proceeded -- to take the lead? (4,5)
17. A fool, and French, but worth having (5)
19. Finally massacred something holy (6)
22. Entertainment of a new kind? (5)
23. A centre of revolution (4)
24. This Major is an N.C.O. (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

3. Try (9)
8. Plunder (4)
9. Rectory (9)
10. Secret (6)
11. Church council (5)
14. Couch (5)
15. Split (4)
16. Flagrant (5)
18. Rip (4)
20. Commerce (5)
21. Dog-lead (5)
24. Apart from (6)
25. Two-sided (9)
26. Chief (4)
27. Unfruitfulness (9)

Down

1. Make clear (9)
2. Jolly (9)
4. Trim (4)
5. Written composition (5)
6. Seller (6)
7. Impel (4)
9. Tine (5)
11. Laziness (5)
12. Denial (9)
13. Servant (9)
17. Harden (5)
19. Mend (6)
22. Pilfer (5)
23. Elevate (4)
24. Allurement (4)

Sudoku

1		7	6			8		
	2	4		8				6
		6	7				3	
3		2						8
	4	8		2		3	1	
5					6	2		9
	6				3	1		
		9		7		5		
					5	4		7

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION >

8	3	9	2	1	6	5	4	7
5	4	6	3	7	9	2	8	1
1	2	7	8	5	4	6	3	9
2	1	8	4	3	7	9	5	6
7	6	3	5	9	8	1	2	4
9	5	4	1	6	2	3	7	8
3	9	5	7	4	1	8	6	2
6	7	2	9	8	5	4	1	3
4	8	1	6	2	3	7	9	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Dace; 3 Prompter; 8 Erne; 9 Obedient; 11 Sheet of flame; 13 Relays; 14 Creche; 17 Putting it off; 20 Outdoors; 21 Asia; 22 Relieved; 23 Isle. Down: 1 Dressers; 2 Conceal; 4 Rebuff; 5 Model train; 6 Therm; 7 Rite; 10 Stay-at-home; 12 Selfsame; 15 Crosses; 16 Untrue; 18 Until; 19 Moor. QUICK - Across: 1 Bide; 3 Prepared; 8 Dash; 9 Estrange; 11 Proclamation; 13 Sedate; 14 Tomato; 17 Telegraphist; 20 Crippled; 21 Rate; 22 Designer; 23 Less. Down: 1 Budapest; 2 Discord; 4 Resume; 5 Paratroops; 6 Rondo; 7 Dies; 10 Clothes peg; 12 Fortress; 15 Agitate; 16 Grieve; 18 Edits; 19 Acid.
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The special edition Roland Garros convertibles are inspired by the French Open tennis tournament

Two special edition convertibles have been unveiled by Peugeot, based on the 207 CC and 308 CC.

Both share the 'Roland Garros' name that's famously linked with the venue for the French Open tennis tournament.

The two new models will have unique trim details and be available only in black or white.

Key upgrades for the 207 CC, which is based on the Allure trim level and will cost from £18,795, include leather seats, a Roland Garros wind break behind the seats and Roland Garros-embroidered carpet mats.

Other features to grace the 207 CC will be aluminium door sills, 17-inch 'Melbourne' alloy wheels, dual-zone air conditioning, an automatically dimming rear-view mirror, automatic headlights, cruise control with a speed limiter, Peugeot Connect with Bluetooth connectivity, rear parking sensors, electric folding door mirrors and tinted rear windows.

Power

There are two engines available to power this special 207: the 1.6-litre VTi 120 petrol and the 1.6-litre HDi 112 diesel.

The larger 308 CC Roland Garros comes in a slightly different choice of black or white. It comes with more power, with the three available engines being a 1.6-litre THP duo with either 156 or 200 horsepower, or a 2.0-litre HDi 163 diesel.

It has blue and grey leather seats, 18-inch wheels taken from the GT hatchback, Bluetooth, front and rear parking sensors, automatic headlights and automatic windscreen wipers. Like the 207 CC Roland Garros, it features the wind break and carpet mats with Roland Garros logos.

The 308 CC is more expensive than its smaller cousin, at £25,845. Both will carry Roland Garros exterior badging and can be viewed at www.peugeot.co.uk/special-editions

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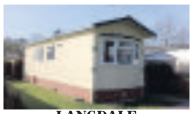

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JANE 40's, blonde blue eyed petite build, with ties, WLTM understanding tall, caring man for daytime meets. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375141**

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JOY 36 petite medium build, blue eyes, loves romantic walks, meals in/out, WLTM male 30-45 for meets. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386629**

LYNN 37 single mum, petite slim and very pretty, seeking caring funny guy to be with and become my Mr Wonderful. Dads welcome. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386633**

BLACK attractive female, 34, slim, N/S, seeks genuine white male for friendship, maybe more. Holby. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 367021**

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I'M attractive, very tactile with an hourglass figure, looking for fun and good times. Can you help? **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368889**

YVONNE looking for Christian male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 391135**

MADELINE 5ft black, seeks male 26-41 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375789**

PATRICIA 5ft 5ins, red hair, blue eyes, likes nights out, meals, clubs, seeking nice young man who is kind, generous to look after me. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378207**

5FT 1ins female, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks male, 40-50, honest, caring, trustworthy, down to earth and bubbly. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388741**

LUCINDA caring 31yr old single mum, sick of school runs and runny noses, looking for some adult fun and good times with available easygoing male up to 45yrs. ACA. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383067**

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SHARON 32, attractive black single mum of one, very tactile and WLTM male 45-65yrs for fun meets. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376565**

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JEANINE 40yrs, very cute petite artistic female who has a real passion for life, WLTM similarly male for tactile LTR, 40-55yrs. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383917**

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SALLY blonde looking for fun and mutually attentive relationship with male 35 plus. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385599**

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40'S LAlady, lovely curves, solvent but lonely, seeks nice older male to pamper, enjoy fun and affection with. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 358135**

KIRSTY 36 attractive, blonde, seeking open-minded decent male for fun friendship, 40-60yrs. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 373013**

CAROL petite brunette, 38yrs, romantic, affectionate, outgoing, seeks similar male for nice times together. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 377513**

SHARON 29 single mum of two, loves to live life to the full and will try anything once, seeking reliable male for cosy nights in. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380385**

LOUISE 35, dark hair, blue eyes, attractive ex air hostess, looking for fun with older male for romantic nights in and more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381341**

RACHAEL 49yrs young slim, caring, sincere and fun loving, WLTM similar male with GSOH for mutual companionship, perhaps more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381343**

NICOLE attractive, blonde, green eyes, young 51, professional, own home, 2 boys, loves jazz, countryside, dogs, seeks genuine male. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390244**

CATHY good looking brunette with a real passion for life, seeking male for happy times, dates, chats, romance and more. pls call. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385603**

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NICKY looking for attractive male 48-55yrs for fun, good times and relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388393**

ANGIE 36, likes cosy nights in/out, country walks, sensitive, caring, loyal, spiritual, seeks male to share life with. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386885**

35YR old female, seeks intelligent, down to earth male, 50-75 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388297**

FEMALE looking for gent, 65-70, caring, loving and independent. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378295**

50YR old female, seeks male for fun and socialising. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 233580**

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ELAINE kind, romantic, loving 43, seeks genuine male for relationship. Telford. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 374845**

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FIT black guy, 66, looks 40, seeks N/S lady, 60-70 with GSOH, genuine, caring to share fun and LTR. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 391427**

RON 5ft 9ins, fit, retired, likes sports, cinema, theatre, seeks genuine female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389551**

GARY 38, 6ft 2ins, black hair, seeks female, 35-48 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 391401**

41YR old male, 6ft, dark hair, likes cosy nights in and good times out, seeks female to share good times with, maybe more. Wolverhampton. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 369663**

RALPH 65, 6ft, quiet, genuine, lonely widower, likes nights in/out, weekends away, seeks slim-medium build widowed lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 391359**

MARK athletic build, slim, fair hair, blue eyes, easygoing, daft as a brush, seeking female to share good times with. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 391347**

PAUL 49, N/S, slim, likes good things in life, seeks genuine, caring, honest lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388436**

BLACK male, 42, 5ft 7ins, average build, GSOH, seeks nice looking, slim-medium build female, 30-40 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386347**

YOUNG at heart, professional, N/S male, 50, fit, sporty, likes DIY, outdoors, seeks similar female, 44-54 for LTR. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 365972**

KARL 40, fun loving, caring, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389662**

SINGLE dad, 44, slim, good looking, seeks genuine lady, N/S for special times, nights in and out. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 367415**

DARREN 33, 6ft 3ins, seeks honest, trustworthy, caring female for friendship and romance. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378887**

MALE 58, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 to share happiness and life with. Tipton. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370649**

PAUL 54, tall, attractive, seeks older mature female for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382641**

GOOD looking gent, affluent, attractive, easygoing, seeks attractive female for days on the beach. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390807**

43YR old male, looking for female to share time with, meals out, socialising and romance. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390791**

JOE 45, attractive, GSOH, medical professional, seeks open-minded female, 18-60 for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390523**

ROMANTIC white male, 46, 5ft 11ins, likes meals out, cinema, seeks female for good times. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388185**

HANDSOME attractive, fit, professional trucker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring lady/mum, 31-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 219790**

MALE 51, 6ft 2ins, honest, loyal, seeks female for friendship, relationship and romance. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 308785**

6FT 2ins male, blue eyes, short hair, seeks loyal, honest female. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 309017**

BRIAN 60's, likes music, sport, seeks similar lady for friendship, occasional evenings/weekends together. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389011**

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GENUINE male, 54, own home, seeks female, any age for fun. Wolverhampton. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368871**

BLACK male, early 50's, seeking genuine, caring lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390115**

UNREMARKABLE guy 49, complete misery with no sense of humour, seeks similar lady to share in misery and more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390111**

MALE 46, medium build, short hair, N/S, lonely, no ties, hurt in past, varied interests, sports, DIY, seeks female, 21-65. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385783**

STEVE 61, seeks attractive younger lady for meets. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389637**

THOUGHTFUL adventurous, attractive guy, 37, OHAC, likes nights in/out, seeks attractive girl with similar interests. Single mum welcome. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 360663**

MICHAEL 51, 6ft 2ins, looking for female, 45-55 for daytime meets, fun, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390774**

45YR old male, single dad, GSOH, kind, caring, loving, seeks female for LTR. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388881**

DARK haired male, slim, blue eyes, fit, likes pubs, clubs, weekends away, seeks female, age/looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385087**

MALE 72, N/S, active, energetic, likes caravans, days out, seeks likeminded lady. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387089**

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Nomads find their way back to summit

Worcestershire Cricket League

DESPITE pockets of rain it was a good day for cricket with some tight finishes, ***writes Chris Marsh.***

Division One firsts have new leaders with Nomads back on top for the first time since week two.

Last week's hero Liam O'Driscoll continued his fine form with 8-32 to finish on the winning side at home to bottom side Worcester.

After scoring 307 the previous week, Worcester were bundled out for just 77 in 28 overs. However, behind Nomads come three sides all within four points after Pershore beat Droitwich to go second and Astwood Bank won a thriller by two wickets at home to previous leaders Oldswinford, thanks to seven wickets from Jonny Summers and despite a century from Christy Kehoe.

Nomads now have 97 points, Pershore 95, Bank and Droitwich 93 and Oldswinford 82.

Elsewhere, Bromyard in sixth were becalmed after rain drove them in against Pedmore following 19 overs; Redditch thrashed sorry Colwall and Coombs Wood had a high scoring draw at Hagley with Dan Jones making a second successive century.

This week, Astwood Bank must go to Droitwich and Nomads have a tricky match at Oldswinford whilst Pershore travel to local rivals Redditch.

In **Division Two,** there was no change in leadership as Stourport annihilated Romsley by 199 runs with Andy Siwicki making 163 and Christian Parry 103. Burghill climbed to second by also recording a big win, this time over Worcester Dominies and Belbroughton have overtaken both Bewdley, who lost at Enville, and Dominies thanks to Chris Amundsen's seven wickets at Netherton.

In mid-table, Alvechurch beat Feckenham by five runs and Rushwick overcame basement side Wormelow. So at the top, Stourport have 124pts, Burghill 107 and both Belbroughton and Bewdley have 100.

Division Three's leaders Tenbury were held to a draw and were hanging on at the end at lowly Chaddesley, despite 98 not out from Tom Rawlings. However, this division has also tightened up as Cookley were beaten in a close game by Alveley and so Tenbury have stretched their lead to 13 points over Cookley who are now three ahead of Harvington – winners at Kidderminster – with Alveley five further back.

Division Four leaders Avoncroft lost at home to Lye who stand third and so it was Ross on Wye who took over at the summit with a two-wicket win at home to Old Hill.

Division Five has new leaders in Astwood Bank, 14 points ahead of Claverley.

Ben Newbury receiving an award

Ben takes top judo post at age of 23

SAMURAI Judo Club's Ben Newbury is celebrating a prestigious appointment.

He was selected as tournament director for the British Open, making him one of only a few people to have been in charge of running this flagship judo event.

Only half a dozen people have held the post in the past 40 years and Newbury, at the age of just 23, is the youngest by far to have done so.

He is also the second member of the club to hold the position, after Malcolm Limrick, who is club president and ran the Open for a number of years in the 1990s.

The club have by far the strongest team of competition organisers in the country.

Coach

Newbury and his brother Stefan are also responsible for the computer program which runs most major British events.

And their mother, Sarah, who is also chair of the club, is another highly-rated tournament director.

Ben Newbury is also a third level black belt, a former British Kata champion, a qualified coach and a high-level national referee.

Samurai head coach Andrew Haffner said: "There are more pathways to success than just the competition side and Ben has reached high level in just about all of them."

For details about starting judo or information about the club, call 0776 1122977 or visit the Samurai website www.samurai.org.uk

Nicholls digs in but it's a lost cause for Cooks

Cookley CC

Alveley 178, Cookley 157. Alveley won by 21 runs

ADAM NICHOLLS hit 72 not out in a losing cause as Cookley fell short in a run chase.

Overcast and damp weather conditions played a part in the weekend fixtures, but the game went ahead at Lea Lane.

The hosts won the toss and invited Alveley to bat. Waqar Orakzai scored 80 in the total of 178, with skipper Gary Mills taking 4-43 and wicketkeeper Steve Hawkes enjoying himself with four catches behind the stumps.

Beginning the chase, wickets fell regularly for the visitors with only Nicholls offering much resistance, his knock providing backbone to the score.

With overs to spare, but partners running out, Cookley could not manage the last runs needed. They fell just short and were left bitterly disappointed.

This result leaves the team second in the table, 13 points adrift of Tenbury Wells, who hung on for the draw at Chaddesley.

Cookley travel to Himley at the weekend, eager to return to the winning ways that got the season off to such a positive start.

Worcester Dominies 163, Cookley 130.
Dominies won by 33 runs

Cookley's table-topping seconds travelled to Worcester Dominies on an overcast day, hoping to extend their lead at the top of the division, with another victory.

But they also tasted defeat when batting second.

After winning the toss and deciding to field, Cookley restricted the home side to 163 all out in tricky batting conditions. Youngster Harry Madeley starred with the ball, returning the excellent figures of 12-7-6-4.

Skipper Simon Anderson claimed 5-50, but dropped catches left the visitors feeling they could have done better with the ball.

A period of bright sunshine during the tea interval raised Cookley's hopes.

But it lasted for about a minute, which really summed up Cookley's luck for the day.

The batting never really seemed to get going and only 37 from the veteran Paul Harris propped up the upper order, as wickets fell with regularity.

Anderson's typically gung-ho 29 was not enough to ensure victory this time and the visitors came up 33 runs short.

Other results in the league were favourable and Cookley remain top by 20 points, from Dominies, with Enville a further seven adrift. The seconds play Wormelow at the weekend.

Bring it on, says new Harriers recruit Dunkley

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS' newboy Cheyenne Dunkley has vowed to 'kick on' after being propelled into the full-time game two levels above his last calling.

Dunkley came through the youth ranks at Crewe but has played the bulk of his first-team football in the third tier of non-league football with Hednesford.

The 20-year-old signed a two-year deal at Aggborough on Friday and Harriers are set to thrash out a compensation deal with the Pitmen for his services.

But the centre-back is already focused on the task in hand and is looking to grasp the opportunity with both hands.

Learning

He said: "You take everything in your stride in football and it's very much a learning process – not just on the pitch, but off the pitch.

"I am just here to learn and do as well as I can.

"I want to crack on now and meet the lads as soon as possible.

"I'm looking forward to getting familiar with the place and the staff at the club before settling down, kicking on to pre-season and playing a few games."

While Dunkley is ready to check in with Harriers, Nick Wright is heading out of Aggborough after fixing up a move elsewhere.

Last season's 16-goal top scorer is out of contract and boss Steve Burr revealed the 25-year-old is set to leave after two years at the club.

Burr said: "Nick has done fantastically for us but is probably going to be moving on now. I know at least two clubs have been able to offer the sort of money that is some way away from what we can realistically manage."

Meanwhile, Harriers have extended an offer to Worcester City to groundshare should their near neighbours find themselves homeless.

St George's Lane will be demolished at the end of the upcoming season and City's new home at Nunnery Way may not be ready for 2013-14.

Hednesford Town boss Rob Smith, left, presents the manager's player of the season award to centre-back Cheyenne Dunkley

Century maintains top table position

Worcestershire Cricket League

HAGLEY stayed top of Division One seconds after they beat Coombs Wood thanks to 100 from Darren Andrews.

Nomads climbed to second, beating Bewdley with 93 not out from Malcolm Jones.

Astwood Bank dropped to third as they could only manage a winning draw at Oldswinford while Coombs Wood are fourth.

For Droitwich, firsts skipper Martin Davies, returning from injury, smacked Rushwick's attack for 125 not out from his side's 156-1 to win the match with 20 overs remaining.

Division Two leaders Cookley lost to Dominies who cut their lead to 20 points. Enville went third after a win at Worcester.

In **Division Three,** Tenbury slipped up and surrendered the lead to Stourbridge Social by getting only two points in a losing draw at home to Chaddesley Corbett for whom Nigel Middleton scored a century and took four wickets.

Clear

Social beat Birlingham to go a point clear at the top and Romsley moved into third spot after Himbleton conceded. In mid-table Chris Walwyn made 146 not out for Malvern

Division Four leaders Lye won at home to Avoncroft to head Halesowen, who had a draw with Barnt Green, by 18 points.

Division Five had three wins and one draw and so Old Hill, who drew with Stourbridge, saw their lead reduced a little by OEs, .

In the one-team section, Netherton now lead by 43 points in **Division Six** by thrashing Ombersley.

Division Seven leaders Belbroughton slipped to third after losing at Kempsey which enabled Stourport, comfortable winners at Rushwick, to go top ahead of Oldswinford who beat Enville.

Division Eight saw a third successive win for Droitwich. Worcester beat Pedmore. At Droitwich, Alan Ridgway took 7-18.

Division Nine new-boys Bredon thirds made a second successive score in excess of 300 and Alex Antonelli hit 151 as his side meted out a drubbing to Bromyard thirds.

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Setback as Bewdley side gets battering

Enville (24pts) 179-6, Bewdley (2pts) 134. Enville won by 45 runs

BEWDLEY'S first setback of the season came in this comprehensive defeat at Enville, ***writes David Mills.***

Winning the toss on a day when rain was always nearby was a good start and restricting the home side to a modest total increased Bewdley's optimism.

Ewan Peer (1-14) bowled eight good overs, and David Jones (4-42) again stood out.

But Bewdley's reply was a catalogue of disaster. Simon Mauger opened the innings and was untroubled in carrying his bat for 66 not out, but no other batsman reached double figures.

But for a valuable contribution of 33 from extras, Bewdley's defeat would have been even more humiliating.

Enville's well-deserved victory came with more than five overs to spare.

Bewdley (4pts) 203, Worcester Nomads (20pts) 205-3. Nomads won by seven wickets

Bewdley seconds produced a disappointing performance at home to Worcester Nomads and slipped to a heavy seven-wicket defeat. Asked to bat first Bewdley were soon in trouble and it needed a middle order revival to give the score some respectability.

Stephen Molyneux (48), Simon Smith (47) and Robert Crane (37) were all among the runs as Bewdley laboured to a score of 203 all out in 49 overs. The Nomads reply got off to a swift start with Roger Dixon prepared to chance his arm in making a quick 28.

With Malcolm Jones making a cultured unbeaten 93 at the other end, Bewdley never really recovered.

Jones and Paul Gardner (42 not out) comfortably saw the visitors home with seven wickets and 16 overs in reserve.

Club is staging a Sobers lunch

ALL-TIME cricket great Sir Garfield Sobers is heading to the West Midlands.

Himley CC will put on a sporting lunch at The Venue, Dudley with the star on Friday, June 22.

The West Indian, named cricket's greatest all-rounder by authoritative website cricinfo, had a Test batting average in excess of 57 and also took more than 200 Test wickets.

Tickets cost £40. Details: 07814 619447, 07861 800510 or 07973 266058.

Siwicki's 163 not out sets up victory

Stourport CC

Stourport (24pts) 308-1, Romsley and Hunnington (0pts) 109. Stourport won by 199 runs

A STUNNING 163 not out from Andrew Siwicki gave Stourport the platform to thrash Romsley and Hunnington in their Worcestershire County League Division Two clash.

Christian Parry also hit a ton while there was a six-wicket haul for Steven Yarsley.

After losing the toss, Stourport were given first chance to bat on a superb Walshes Meadow wicket.

At the fall of the first wicket for 33, Siwicki joined Christian Parry (103 not out) and proceeded to smash the Romsley bowling to all parts of the ground, sharing an unbroken 275 partnership. This allowed skipper Craig Siwicki to make a bold declaration of 308-1 from just 39 overs.

In reply, excellent bowling from Yarsley (6-54) and Matthew Delo (4-16) helped reduce Romsley to 109 all out in the 33rd over to give Stourport a convincing 199-run victory. Stourport will look to maintain their lead at the top as they travel to mid-table Feckenham this weekend.

Stourport seconds' match was abandoned due a wet pitch at Harborne.

Rushwick (1pt) 85, Stourport (20pts) 87-4. Stourport won by six wickets

Stourport's thirds stormed to the top of Division Seven with a six-wicket drubbing of Rushwick. Craig Homer took 6-32 as Rushwick were skittled out for 85 in the 31st over.

Stourport lost early wickets in reply and at one point were 48-4 with some work still to do. However, 23 from Ian Osborne and 24 not out from Allan Moss saw Stourport run out comfortable winners in the 19th over of their innings.

Stourport (24pts) 340-4, Alvechurch and Hopwood (1pt) 130. Stourport won by 210 runs

Stourport fourths completed a successful day for the club as they enjoyed a run feast at New Elizabethan School.

A patient 110 not out from Mark Dearlove and some big hitting from Nathan Claris (61) and James Harris (59) saw Stourport race to 340-4 from their 45 overs.

In reply Stourport had to wait until the 44th over to grab the final Alvechurch and Hopwood wicket and win by 210 runs with Dearlove and Kevin Haycock picking up three wickets apiece.

BATSMEN THRIVE IN HARD-FOUGHT GAME

Kidderminster Victoria (17pts) 258-5, Knowle and Dorridge (7pts) 204-7. Draw

KIDDERMINSTER VICTORIA took the lion's share of the points from an entertaining match that could have gone either way.

Marc Edwards missed out on a well-deserved century, falling for 93, and Neil Pinner hit 73 not out for KVCC in this Birmingham League Premier match.

Knowle and Dorridge looked to have a chance of victory at 190-2, but a flurry of wickets denied them and the match was drawn, ***writes Brian Gittins.***

Kidderminster Victoria CC

Visitors Knowle and Dorridge won the toss and decided to field. However, it did not look like a good decision when Kidderminster openers, Edwards and Andy Kimberlin, settled in.

The score had reached 59 in the 16th over when Kimberlin was caught by Sam Reddish, bowled Justin Hemming, for 23, which included three fours. Pinner, not in great form with the bat so far this season, joined Edwards, and very soon the scoring took off. In the next 23 overs they added 114 runs with good running between wickets.

Action

On 93, with a century surely due, Edwards was bowled by Chris Davidson. He had batted for 144 minutes, faced 136 balls, and hit eight fours. The total was now 173-2.

Next man in, keeper Ben Cox, soon got into action. Pinner and Cox are both on the county staff, and their good running soon showed.

Cox batted for 20 minutes, but scored 22 off 19 balls, striking two fours and a six before being caught by skipper Jamie Spiers to give Davidson his second wicket.

KVCC had scored 216-3 in 45 overs, but with only four overs remaining needed quick runs. They came from 17-year-old Zac Turley. He and Pinner added 42 runs in 17 minutes.

Jonathan Wright took 4-26
Picture: Dave Edwards, www.newboldimages.co.uk

Having faced 20 balls in 16 minutes, hitting three fours, Turley was stumped by Nick Sale off the bowling of Davidson for 31.

Davidson was soon to get his fourth wicket when captain Jonathan Wright was bowled second ball for a duck. Pinner had played superbly. His 73 not out had taken under two hours as he faced 74 balls, including three fours and a six. Davidson took 4-82, and Hemming 1-25 off his seven overs.

With KVCC seam bowler Gareth Williams out of action for a couple of weeks, it looked an uphill battle to stem a run chase.

With 111 runs coming from the first 22 overs, it came as a relief to Victoria when David Hemp was caught by Edwards off Pinner for 55. His score included six fours and one six. Thirty-eight more runs were added before the next wicket fell. Another catch by Edwards, off the bowling of Wright, removed Luke Parker for 25 which included two fours and a six.

At 149-2 after 32 overs, the game was in the balance, and a further 42 runs inside eight overs made it 190-2. This left Knowle and Dorridge nine overs to get 69 runs for victory, with eight wickets standing.

Skipper Wright led the charge. Wickets fell at 191, 195, 196 and 198. Reddish was run out for a duck, Attiq Chishti out lbw to Pinner for 23, Spiers caught by Cox off the bowling of Wright for one and Davidson was out to a superb slip catch by Pinner to give Wright his fourth wicket.

Wright returned figures of 8-2-26-4. Neil Pinner claimed 2-36 from 13 overs.

KVCC travel to Shrewsbury on Saturday.

European judo joy for Rachel

JUDO player Rachel Moon came back with a bronze medal from the Junior European Cup in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Moon and her twin Sally, from Kidderminster, were among the Wolverhampton Judo Club party taking part.

It was the twins' first big European competition. They travelled with coach Bill Kelly and team-mates from other Midland clubs.

The competition attracted entrants from all over Europe including Poland, Belarus, Latvia and Germany.

Sally Moon battled well but lost out to a more experienced player from Belarus.

But Rachel was in fine form and although losing her first fight to the eventual gold medalist, battled well to take the bronze by beating a competitor from Lithuania.

On her return, Sally joined other members of the England squad to compete in the School Games.

She found her form at this event and finished with a silver in individual and team events. Their next event is an international competition in Venray, Holland.

Rachel Moon, right, on the rostrum in Lithuania

Festival drive to woo golf young

MORE THAN 60 school pupils took part in the Trigolf Festival at Kidderminster Golf Club.

The initiative was to get young children who have never played golf before interested in the game.

Organiser Di Hayman and Kidderminster club professional Pat Smith described the day as a resounding success. The winners were Chaddesley Corbett Primary School, who went forward to the regional final.

Smith teaches golf to pupils from many schools around the area as well as Brownies, Girl Guides, Rangers and Scouts.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the age spectrum, the club's seniors beat Moseley five and one.

Results

Midweek medal (nine holes): 1 Harry Scriven 21pts, 2 Rod Hunter 16, 3 Gerald Weaver 12.

Saturday medal. Division One: 1 Jake Turner 43pts, 2 Craig Richardson 39, 3 Henry James (plus two handicap) 39.

Division Two: 1 James Baylie 41pts, 2 Bob Taylor 39, 3 Simon Wilkinson 36.

Division Three: 1 Mike Wilson 40pts, 2 Paul Conway 39, 3 Noel Evans 37.

Ladies. Four ball better ball: 1 Lin Palmer and Jane Abrahams 33pts, 2 Win Brine and Pat Clarke 31.

Four ball better ball Ping: Dorothy McKie and Yvonne Foley 42pts.

Lady captain's away day: 1 Sheila Chambers and Sue Hughes 42pts, 2 Jill Randle and Sue Randle 38, 3 Shirley Caswell and Margaret Allsopp 38.

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